

CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL HISTORY

1. MODULE SUMMARY

Aims and Summary

This module aims at familiarizing the students with contemporary political history of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The course focuses on main trends, principal events that impacted the course of European and to some extent world's history. Facts are important but of secondary nature.

Module Size and credits

CATS points	0
ECTS credits	5.0
Total student study hours	100
Number of weeks	12
School responsible	Łazarski University, Faculty of Economics and Management
Academic Year	2021-2022

Entry Requirements (pre-requisites and co-requisites)

N/A

Excluded Combinations

None

Composition of module mark (including weighting of components)

Midterm exam, 40% (80 minutes); final exam 50% (90 minutes); active participation, 10%

Pass requirements:

To pass the course a student must score at least 40% of the overall weighted average and not less than 35% for each assessment component. Lower mark leads to a re-sit exam for the failed component.

Special Features

None

Course stages for which this module is mandatory

MA Year 1 International Relations

Course stages for which this module is a core option

None

2. TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students should be able to

1. Critically examine XIXth century political and intellectual main trends and their impact on the course of the XX century (liberalism, nationalism, socialism, totalitarianism)
2. Analyse World Wars, totalitarianism and understand their consequences for Europe and the world
3. Analyse the collapse of Communism and understand main developments in present Europe with its post-modern politics.

Indicative Content

- The XIX century background: the Industrial and French Revolutions and main ideologies
- World War I: its causes and impact and the interwar period. Totalitarianism
- Russia and the Soviet Union: the fall of the Empire, Soviet rise and eclipse.
- Poland: from the Commonwealth, partitions, World Wars, Communism and regaining independence
- World War II: its causes and impact; diplomacy
- Post-Second World War: Western and Eastern Blocks, and the Third World.
- Recent past

Teaching and Learning:

This module will be taught by means of lectures, discussion seminars, and self-directed study.

Formative Assessment: Comments for assessments, and tutorial guidance for coursework and exam.

Student activity and time spent on each activity comprises:

Guided	0 hours	(0%)
Lecture	0 hours	(0%)
Self-guided	70 hours	(70%)
Seminar	30 hours	(30%)
Workshop	0 hours	(0%)
Total	100 hours	

Method of Assessment (normally assessed as follows)

The intended learning outcomes will be assessed as follows:

- Active participation (10% – 0,5 credit), contributed to all outcomes
- Mid-term (40% – 2 credits): 80 minutes each; contribute to learning outcomes 1, 2
- Final exam (50% – 2,5 credits): 90 minutes; contributes to learning outcomes 2, 3

3. MODULE RESOURCES

Essential Reading

McKay, J.P., 2003. *A History of Western Society*. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's. (chapters 19, 21-31).

or

any other textbook on Western Civilization (our library has a rich choice of such textbooks).

Additional reading

y Gasset, J.O., 1930 or subsequent editions. *The Revolt of the Masses*. (chapters 1, 6, 7, 9, 11).

Snyder, T., 2010. *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin*. New York: Basic Books. (Preface, Introduction, ch. 4).

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4. MODULE ORGANISATION

Module leader

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Length and month of examination

80 and 90 minutes in November and in February, respectively

Expected teaching timetable slots

Note that some tutorials/seminars may be provided at times other than those shown below.

Timetable information should be verified with the School responsible for the module.

No timetable information available.

Subject Quality and Approval information

Faculty of Economics and Management