

## History of Russia (A005155)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0**

**Study time 150 h**

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

### Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

De Keyser, Merel

LW21

staff member

Geerardyn, Tilde

LW21

staff member

Dhooge, Ben

LW21

lecturer-in-charge

### Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures](#)

crdts

5

offering

A

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

5

A

[Bachelor of Science in Political Science](#)

5

A

[Linking Course Master of Arts in Gender and Diversity](#)

5

A

[Elective Set Culture and Society](#)

5

A

[Elective Set History](#)

5

A

[Elective Set Languages of Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe](#)

5

A

### Teaching languages

Dutch

### Keywords

Russia, Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, history

### Position of the course

This basic course offers an introduction to the history of Russia, with the aim of giving the student a better understanding of Russian (cultural) history, contemporary Russian society and the contemporary position of the Russian state on the world stage. The course wants to enable the student to adequately interpret historical facts and events, and to link the past with contemporary Russia.

### Contents

The history of Russia from the earliest times until today. The focus is on the formation of the Russian nation and state, on political institutions, social history and ideology, especially in the 19th-21st centuries, geopolitics, and the approach to non-Russian territories, such as Ukraine and the former Soviet states.

### Initial competences

Competences acquired during secondary education; no specific starting competences required.

### Final competences

- 1 To have a global and critical knowledge of the evolution of the history of Russia in all its forms from the earliest times until the present day.
- 2 To interpret historical events and developments in the history of Russia in all its forms adequately.
- 3 To solve problems by using a thorough knowledge and understanding of the history of Russia in all its forms.
- 4 To understand Russian cultural history, contemporary Russian society and the contemporary position of the Russian state on the world stage against the historical background and to determine issues and challenges against the same

historical background.

5 To detect and explain correlations between current events and Russia's past.

### **Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

### **Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

### **Teaching methods**

Lecture

### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

Lecture: chronological overview of the history of Russia in all its forms. Access to the recordings of the lectures must be requested. Access is granted to working students, students with relevant facilities, students with overlap and students who are absent due to illness

### **Study material**

Type: Handbook

Name: Rusland - een geschiedenis.

Indicative price: € 25

Optional: yes

Language : Dutch

Author : Raymond Detrez

ISBN : 978-9-08924-333-1

Oldest Usable Edition : 2015

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Type: Slides

Name: PPTs lecture

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

### **References**

### **Course content-related study coaching**

The lecturer is available before and after each lecture; contact hours by appointment.

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment open-book, Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment open-book, Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

Written exam: closed questions.

Written open book exam: open questions.

#### **Calculation of the examination mark**

The student passes the course when a pass is obtained for the course.

In the second examination period the periodical evaluation can be compensated by an exam.

#### **Facilities for Working Students**

Absence is allowed. Supporting teaching material is provided: the lectures are recorded and are made available upon request. The student must submit the assignments on time, though.

It is not possible to take the exam at another time.

Possibility of feedback at a different time: please make an appointment.