

Course Outline

Course number	RBE272
Course title	Analysis of Russian politics
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV CP)
Total hours	80
Lecture hours	32
Course level	Bachelor
Prerequisites	None

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
IVARS INDĀNS	Dr. demogr	Visiting lecturer

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course contents are based on methodological approach to the process of analysis. This includes the critical thinking, its advantages and challenges in the analytical process. During the course students will obtain the overview of Russian history, culture and strategies which have direct and indirect impact on today's politics, economy, social life and foreign policy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The main competence to be developed during the course is critical thinking and analytical approaches towards politics. The intended learning outcome is to develop the knowledge and general understanding about Russian politics, economy and foreign policy taking into account all kind of variables – history, traditions, mind-set, threat perceptions.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Course paper	70%
Participation in seminars	30%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The main requirements of the course are writing an analytical paper on Russian topics as well as participation the thematic seminars.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1	Political analysis, critical thinking, methodology	4
2	Russian history and culture	8
3	Russian domestic politics	6
4	Russian economy and social life	6
5	Russian foreign policy	8