FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT
SYLLABUS OF THE COURSE
RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES E, OPTIONAL
(LN, 5 ETCS)

The ZSEM's mission is to give to the students the values, the knowledge, and the skills they need for success in a globalised world.

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SCHEDULE

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LECTURES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course Russian and Eurasian Studies has the goal of providing the students with information about Russia, and geopolitical region of Eurasia, its role in the world, history of its peoples, their culture, religions, society and current political and economic situation. The course will show the importance of the region, its potential for Croatia in economic and political spheres, study the existing liaisons’ between Croatia, Russia, Kazakhstan etc., and investigate ways of improving these relations with the knowledge of their economic specificity and mentality. Therefore the course is multidisciplinary including History, Culture, Sociology, Politics and Economics.

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC GOALS

 Lectures are divided into four groups.

I  Introduction to the course. We will speak about Russia’s and Eurasia’s role in the world, its borders, geographical position, economy and politics, and geopolitics. The students will study economical geography of Eurasia: position, natural resources, industry etc. The students will be able to understand the geopolitical aims of Russia as the centre of Eurasia, get the picture of spheres of interest which will lead to the understanding of the foreign policy of the country. Special attention will be paid to the ex-Soviet states and their relations with Russia. One lecture will be dedicated to the nations living in the continent and problems Russia is facing in the national question. Students will learn about major national groups, their religion, languages and culture.

II  -History. From the prehistoric times up till now. The main attention here is not on the dates and names, but understanding of historical trends and logic, the reasons and consequences of the events and their interconnection. Russian history will be observed in the context of European, Eurasian and world history. This topic also includes two lectures about Russian culture, architecture, music and science, which became part of the world cultural heritage.

III  Modern Politics and geopolitics of Eurasia. This part is dedicated to the political situation in Russia in the past 20 years, the huge changes in all spheres after the collapse of the Soviet Union and Plan Economy. We will look at the region today, what problems it is facing. We will find out what is the political structure of states, political parties etc.

IV  - Economics This is the key part for the students of the School, so it attracts special attention. After a short look at the soviet economy we will concentrate on the analysis of the modern economic situation in Russia, their bank system, industry, economic growth and involvement in the world economic structure. Several guests from leading Russian companies, banks and Embassy will talk about business opportunities in Russia, Russian-croatian economic relations and specifics of Russian business. Student's reports will be discussed.
**Main goals** | **Specific goals**
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1. New basic knowledge about geography, state borders, population, resources of Eurasia. | Students will learn about geopolitical position of Eurasia, its relations with former Soviet Union states. Students should present their knowledge of current politics, situation in Baltic region, Georgia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan exchange opinions about potential and current conflicts. We will talk about vast natural resources of Eurasia, its main natural phenomena—largest rivers, lakes, mountains. We will also mention how huge natural resources influence Russian economy.
2. Learn about national groups and their cultures inside Eurasia. | Students will learn what are the names and main characteristics of more than 100 nations living in Eurasia, we will get a quick look at their cultures, traditions, religions and differences. Special attention will be paid to the national conflicts and how to avoid them, for example in Chechnya, Ukraine.
3. Get to know main flow of events in Russian and Eurasian History. | Quick look on Russian history from Slavic tribes to modern Russia. Students will learn the events in Russia in interconnection with European, Eurasian and world history. Special attention to the logic of the events and main trends through time. We will discuss the role of people in history, reasons and consequences of decisions and mistakes.
4. Get to know Russian culture. | Students will learn about main names and trends in Russian culture, get to know the masterpieces in architecture, literature, art, handicraft and music, which became part of the world heritage. Here we will also mention traditions and crafts of ordinary Russians through history.
5. Croatian-Russian relations. | Guest lectures from the Russian Embassy and from large Russian companies working in Croatia will discuss with students economic and political ties between the two counties and the perspectives of its development. Students are expected to take an active part in conversations with Russian businessmen.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

15 lectures for three hours during one semester. Lectures from different disciplines covering History, Politics, Economy and Arts. The goal of the Course is to acquaint students with modern Russia, its history and Culture and give them advice how to use business opportunities there. Lectures include meetings with Russian politicians and businessmen.

One lecture the group will visit Russian and/or Kazakhstan Embassy, or Lukoil or Sberbank headquarters in Zagreb.

**LITERATURE**

*Lectures on Bb*

Additional material: will be provided during semester.
LIST OF LECTURES BY WEEKS

1. Introduction to the Course, Eurasia-geographical position, states, state symbols, state borders.
2. Geography, main cities, branches of economy by regions, geopolitical position.
3. Peoples of Eurasia, ethnic groups and national questions.
4. **History:** beginning of Russian State, Kiev Russia
5. Mongol period, Mongol Empire, creation of the Moscow Russia
6. From Ivan the Terrible to Romanovs
7. Russia and Eurasia in 17-18 centuries.
8. Russia and Eurasia in 19-th century
9. revolution and Soviet Period
10. Contemporary Russia and Eurasia today. Philosophical concept of Eurasia
11. political system, political parties and politicians
12. Visit to the Russian/Kazakhstan Embassy and/or Russian company
13. Russian Culture/Course Works Presentations
14. Meeting with Russian businessmen, Course Work presentations.
15. Summary of the Course, Course Works presentations.

STUDENTS OBLIGATIONS

1. Lectures are obligatory for all students (min 75% presence is necessary to approach the final testing and grading. Every absence should be justified.) Students should have enough paper to follow lectures or they can use tablets or PC.
2. **Course work** One course paper is to be written by every student during the semester and presented during the class. The topic of the course work can be chosen during first two classes from the suggested list or by agreement with the professor. The course Work should have at least 10, but not more then 20 pages font 12 double line spacing Times New Roman.
3. The Course Work should have Summary, Introduction, Main part, Conclusions and list of used sources/literature. The Work is presented during class orally or with PP with a possible discussion during class.
4. It is strictly prohibited to crib in the exam or test and allow colleagues to crib. Such behavior is liable to expulsion from the examination and the automatic failure.

Two written tests colloquium during semester give students opportunity to prepare for the exam and improve their knowledge and grade.

**IMPORTANT**

Exam will take place according to the School plan. Students get the exam questions one month before the exam.

Exam is held orally with a preparation time.
DATES OF TESTS AND FINAL EXAMS

tests (tentative dates, check the Blackboard):

1. Monday, October 27 2014

2. Monday, December 1, 2014

Winter exam session (tentative dates, check the Blackboard):

January 7 and 21, 2014

REGISTERING FOR EXAMS

You don’t have to register for continual assessment tests. **You have to register for the final exam**, be it during the regular or extraordinary exam sessions, **via STUDOMAT at the latest three business days prior to the date of the exam**.

We do not take into account registrations sent by e-mail or published on the Blackboard Forum. **You can cancel your registration via STUDOMAT at the latest one business day before the exam.** Uncancelled registrations are counted as a failing grade for the exam. Students cannot take the exam if they have not registered.

The grade must be entered into the grade book within eight days from the written exam. If a student fails to come with his/her grade book to take the grade, it shall be considered that he/she has rejected the grade and decided to retake the exam.

EVALUATION SYSTEM

- Overall assessment of the course consists of the following elements:
  - Regular attendance to classes;
  - Course work;
  - Colloquim results;
  - exam.

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During the semester students will regularly receive information about the results and points earned on Blackboard. Results of tests must be published on Blackboard no later than 3 days after the date of written tests.

- **How to prepare to the exam?**
  before the test on the Blackboard will appear the description of the test, necessary materials and literature.

- **How does a test look like?**
  Students receive 15-20 questions with multiple or descriptive answers on the topics of the previous lectures.

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