
<i>Study Course Title</i>	<i>History of Nordic countries after World War II</i>
<i>Study Course Code</i>	Vēst3016
<i>Credits</i>	2
<i>European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System Credits</i>	3
<i>Total Number of Contact Hours</i>	32
<i>Number of Lecture Hours</i>	26
<i>Number of hours for seminars</i>	6

Course Developer

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Study Course Abstract

The aim of the course is to provide basic knowledge of main research issues in the history of Nordic countries, as well as to form comprehension of the most significant basic statements in historiography of the issue. Alongside the lectures, course studies involve also tasks, which should be accomplished independently - preparation of a discussion and independent report.

Tasks of the course:

- to disclose chronology and event logic in history of Scandinavian states.
- to develop ability to analyse course of historical events independently and on proper scientific level.
- to examine the issues: denazification, neutrality, "Nordic model", integration in the NATO and EU, finlandization.

Course Plan

Themes of lecture (26 h.)

1. Acquaintance with course structure, requirements for passing the test. Chronological and spatial borders of the course of lectures. Notions "Nordic countries" and "Scandinavian countries".
2. Norway after World War II: denazification process; struggle of political parties, joining the NATO (1949); role of oilfields in domestic and foreign policy of Norway; social policy. Insight in Norwegian culture.
3. Finland: war 1939-1945; Winter War, Continuation War, demobilization and Lapland War; Post-war problems and elimination of war consequences; Agreement of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between Soviet Union and Finland in 1948, Paasikivi - Kekkonen Line; Finland under leadership of Kekkonen in 1956 - 1981.
4. Finlandization policy; economic reorganization in 1960s and 1970s; problems of economics in 1990s; Finland and European Union. Insight in Finnish culture.
5. Sweden: consequences of getting over World War II, R.Wallenberg; essence of neutrality policy; formation of relations with neighbouring countries; policy of social democrats; relations with the NATO and USSR; O.Palme policy, Finland and European Union. Insight in Swedish culture.
6. Denmark after World War II: Marshall Plan; joining the NATO and EU; Kiel declaration; activities of Nordic Council; 15 golden years; development of social welfare state. Insight in Danish culture.

7. Nordic countries at the beginning of the 21st century: main characteristics in domestic and foreign policy. Liberalism crisis or search of new identity. Nordic countries and Latvia.
8. NATO and Nordic Countries.
9. Formation of European Union and Nordic countries.
10. Nordic countries and Soviet Union: relation strategies.
11. The most remarkable politicians of Nordic countries.
12. Culture of Nordic countries.
13. Cooperation between Nordic countries and Latvia.

Themes of seminars (6 h.):

1. World War II and Nordic countries. Denazification policy in Norway. Finland. Issue of neutrality of Sweden.
2. Development model of Sweden: pre-history of development, essence of the model.
3. Position of Nordic countries in the field of European integration (1973-2012).

Students' independent work:

1. Study of literature and historical sources related to the Nordic countries. 2. Selection and analysis of material, when preparing presentation on history of Nordic countries (by choice).

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge - domestic and foreign policy, acting persons of Nordic countries.
 Skills - analysis of events and processes, ability to define specific development features of the Nordic countries
 Competence - comprehension of development model of Nordic countries, its advantages and drawbacks in contemporary conditions.

Requirements for Awarding Credits

Participation in lectures (10%); participation in seminars (30%). preparation and presentation of final term paper "Manifestation of Domestic and Foreign Policy of Nordic Countries (by choice) after War" (60%). Differentiated test.

Course content

Postwar situation in Nordic countries is analyzed in the course. Implementation of development model of Nordic countries is retraced. International policy of the countries of this region is studied. Emphasized position in the issue of European integration.

Compulsory Reading List

1. Baltijas valstu vēsture. Rīga, 1998.
2. Derry T. K. A History of Scandinavia. Minneapolis, 1979
3. Hilson, M. The Nordic Model. Scandinavia since 1945. 2008
4. Melin J. The history of Sweden. Stockholm, 1999.
5. The Baltic Sea Region: Culture, Politics, Societies. Upsala, 2002.
6. The Cambridge History of Scandinavia I, ed. Knut Helle, 2003
7. Zeterbergs S. Somija neatkarības gados. Rīga: Zvaigzne ABC, 1999.
8. Ziemeļvalstu vēsture. Rīga, 2005. 9. Zviedrijas vēsture. Stokholma, 2000.

Further Reading List

1. Knud J.V. Jespersen. A History of Denmark. 2004
2. Meinander, H. Finlands historia. 2007
3. Волков А.М. Страны Северной Европы. Москва: Наука, 1986.
4. Мелин Ян, Юханссон Альф В., Хеденборг Сюзанна. История Швеции. .-

Москва: Наука, 2002. 4. История Дании. XX век. Москва: Наука, 1998

Periodicals and Other Sources

1. Latvijas Vēsture
2. Latvijas Vēstures institūta žurnāls.
3. www.norge.ru/history/
4. www.visitnorway.com/templates/NTRarticle.aspx?id=56465 - 57k
5. <http://www.sweden4rus.nu/lib/istorija/default.asp>
6. <http://www.genealogi.se/>
7. <http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wess/scan/hist.html>
8. <http://www.milhist.dk/>
9. http://www.accordions.com/index/his/his_dk.shtml
10. <http://www.pi-schools.gr/sxoleia/gymmet/comenius/finland/presentations/history/f>
11. http://www.worldrover.com/history/finland_history.html

Notes

ABSP "History" Part B.