

Syllabus for the course

CHAPTERS IN HISTORY OF THE COLD WAR

Course code:	5HD450
Course title in language of instruction:	Chapters in History of the Cold War
Course title in Czech:	Kapitoly z dějin studené války
Course title in English:	Chapters in History of the Cold War
Number of ECTS credits allocated:	3
Mode of delivery:	full-time; 2/0 (hours of lectures per week / hours of seminars per week) as semestral course
Mode of completion:	graded course
Language of instruction:	English
Level of course and year of study:	bachelor (first cycle): 3; master (second cycle): 1
Semester:	SS 2020/2021
Name of lecturer(s):	Ing. Zdenka Johnson, Ph.D. (examiner, lecturer, supervisor)
Prerequisites and co-requisites:	none
Recommended optional programme components:	none
Work placement:	none

Aims of the course:

The course is aimed at the issue of international connotations of global political and economic changes after 1945. Particular topics represent the most significant moments of the Cold War, which are crucial in order to understand the past and recent international political, economic and military global constellation.

Learning outcomes and competences:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- define main preconditions and roots of emergence of the bipolar world,
- explain why the most important turns of the Cold War happened,
- analyze impacts on the political and economic development of the "fighting blocks",
- apply solutions of political and economic conflicts in present international relations,
- summarize the importance of the Cold War for the development of current society.

Course contents:

1. Conditions of Cold War emergence, looking for the real roots of the Cold War.
2. Beginnings of the Cold War.
3. Question of Germany and the European integration.
4. Korean War.
5. Berlin Wall Crisis and Cuban Missile Crisis.
6. Space race.
7. Vietnam War.
8. Détente period.
9. The end of détente.
10. War in Afghanistan.
11. New arms race.
12. The role of China.
13. The end of the Cold War.

Learning activities, teaching methods and workload (hours):

Type of teaching method	Hours of workload
	Daily attendance
Participation in lectures	26
Preparation for mid-term test(s)	26
Preparation for final test	26
Total	78

Assessment methods and criteria:

Requirement type	Weight
	Daily attendance
Mid-term test(s)	50 %
Final test	50 %
Total	100 %

Assessment:

Graded courses
 1 Excellent (90 – 100%)
 2 Very good (75 – 89%)
 3 Good (60 – 74%)
 4 Insufficient (0 – 59%)

Ungraded courses
 P Passed
 NP Not Passed

Special requirements and details:

In the winter semester 2020/2021 there is no midterm test, students will be evaluated on the basis of the final test. In case of 4+ (total of 50-59 %), a student will take a make-up test covering the whole semester. If a student achieves more than 60 % from this test, he/she will get 3, if a student achieves less than 59 % from this test, he/she will get 4. This course was co-funded by the European Union, the European Structural and Investment Funds, the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education.

Reading:

Type*	Author	Title	Published in	Publisher	Year	ISBN
RQ	DUNBABIN, J.	The Cold War: The Great Powers and their Allies	London, New York	Longman	1994	990003234X
RE	KENT, J. – YOUNG, J W.	International relations since 1945 : a global history	Oxford	Oxford University Press	2013	978-0-19-969306-1
RE	DUNBABIN, J P D.	International relations since 1945 : a history in two volumes. The Cold war : the great powers and their allies	Harlow	Pearson Longman	2008	978-0-582-42398-5
RE	DUNBABIN, J P D.	International relations since 1945 : a history in two volumes. The post-imperial age : the great powers and the wider world	Harlow	Pearson Education	1994	0-582-22720-8
RE	GADDIS, J L.	The Cold War: A New History. 1. vyd. New York: The Penguin Press, 2005. ISBN 1-59420-062-9.				
RE	HOPKINS, M F.	The Cold War. London: Thames & Hudson, 2011. ISBN 978-0-500-28958-7.				
RE	HUGHES-WILSON, John.	A Brief History of the Cold War: The Hidden Truth about How Close We Came to Nuclear Conflict. New York: Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2006. ISBN 0-7867-1731-9.				

RE TRACHTENBERG, M. *The Cold War and After: History, Theory, and the Logic of international Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-691-15202-8.

* RQ – required RE – recommended