

Russian and Slavonic Studies

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	The History of Everyday Life in Communist Eastern Europe
Code	RUU44022
Semester	2
ECTS credits	10
Module Coordinator	Contact Inbound Russian/Slavonic Study Abroad Coordinator.

Module Content

The module explores various aspects of the history of everyday life in Communist Eastern Europe from the establishment of the Soviet Union until the disintegration of the Soviet bloc. The topics to be discussed include sexuality, family and gender relations, consumption, alcohol and drug abuse, leisure, popular culture and music, as well as the effect of the Soviet project on the formation of and representation of identities. The module reflects on these themes from a comparative perspective using examples from the Soviet Union and from the countries of the Soviet bloc in Eastern Europe.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students should be able to:

1. assess Eastern European societies, and the way they were transformed by the communist experience
2. analyse the theoretical problems of Sovietisation
3. reflect critically on aspects of everyday life behind the Iron Curtain
4. appraise the legacies of communism in the region from a critical perspective

Assessment

1 Research essay (100%)