

Information list of a subject

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Faculty:	
Subject code: H-110	Subject name: Empires and Revolutions
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Classes include both lecture and seminar. (full-time form)	
Number of credits: 6 ECT	
Suggested semester: 1st semester	
Level of studies: 1	
Conditional previous subjects: no prerequisite	
Requirements for the course: Active participation based upon class readings is absolutely necessary and therefore accounts for twenty-five percent of the overall grade. Participation includes attendance, reading preparation, and active discussion during seminars. Students are allowed four unexcused absences, after which their grade will significantly decrease. Written reflections and reading assessments throughout the semester will account for thirty percent of the overall grade. There will be two written examinations which will each account for fifteen percent of the overall grade. Each student will complete a presentation on an influential individual from the Enlightenment. The presentation accounts for the remaining fifteen percent of the final grade. The grading scale is as follows: A – excellent: 100-93%, B – very good: 92-84%, C – good: 83-74%, D – satisfactory: 73-63%, E – sufficient: 62-51%, Fx – fail: 50-0%.	
Learning outcomes: The aim of this course is to give students a deeper understanding of this region's history and provide some historical context for the contemporary political and philosophical writings that they may be asked to study in other courses at BISLA. This course will focus on European historical developments between the 15th and 19th centuries. Students will realize how the world truly awakened and how a globalized world emerged with varying alliances coalescing and combatting each other as they reshaped the world. Students will be asked to consider the perspective and motivations of various actors (individuals, groups, nations, or alliances) and to assess the value of different historical sources and approaches to writing history. In addition to lectures, discussion-based seminars will focus on primary and secondary source readings, and students' written and oral communication skills will be developed through essays and presentations. Along with increased historical understanding, students will cultivate better critical thinking and analytical skills that can be applied in a range of academic and practical settings.	
Brief outline of the course: Humanism, Renaissance, European Exploration, Protestant Reformation, Reformation Spreads and the Counter Reformation, Absolutist France and England, Habsburgs and the 80 Years War, 30 Years War and the Peace of Westphalia, Enlightenment, French Revolution, Napoleonic Wars and the Congress of Vienna, Industrial Revolution and Age of Ideologies, Uprisings Across Europe, Nationalism in Italy and Germany	
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Language of the course: English

Notes: Compulsory course

Evaluation

Total number of evaluated students:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)

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Date of the last change:

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