Документ подписан простой электронной подписью
Информация о владельце:
ФИО: Ястребов Олег Александрович
Должность: Ректор
Дата подписания: 02.11.2026 15:59:07
Уникальный программный ключ:
ca953a0120d891083f939673078ef1a989dae18a

Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education
Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba
RUDN University

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as higher education programme developer

COURSE SYLLABUS

POLITICAL CULTURE: RUSSIA – THE WEST – THE EAST
Course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

41.04.04 Political Science
field of studies / speciality code and title

The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of higher education:

MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND VALUES
higher education programme profile/specialisation title

2026

1. COURSE GOAL(s)

The course «Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East» is part of the Master's program "Political Challenges in a Globalizing World", within the academic track 41.04.04 Political Science, and is taught in the third semester of the second year. The course is offered by the Department of Comparative Politics.

The course consists of two sections and three topics and is aimed at studying the cultural values of various civilizations, as well as the specific influence of political culture on the formation and development of political institutions under different historical conditions.

The main purpose of the course is to explore the core cultural values of contemporary civilizations, to develop skills for analyzing the political culture of diverse societies, to examine how political culture affects the emergence and evolution of political institutions across different historical contexts, and to foster the capacity for critical and tolerant analysis of the political cultures of various civilizations.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mastering the course «Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East» is aimed at the development of the following competences:

Table 2.1. List of competences that students acquire through the course study

Competence code	**Competence descriptor**	**Competence formation indicators** (within this course)
GC-5	Able to analyze and take into account the diversity of cultures in the process of intercultural interaction.	GC-5.1. Finds and uses information about the cultural characteristics and traditions of various social groups in social and professional communication; GC-5.2. Collects information on a given topic, taking into account ethnic groups and confessions that are most widely represented at the points where the research is being conducted; GC-5.3. Adheres to the principles of non-discriminatory interaction in personal and mass communication in order to fulfill professional tasks and strengthen social integration.
GPC-3	Capable of assessing, modeling and forecasting global, macro-regional, national-state, regional and local political-cultural, socio-economic and socio-political processes based on the use of methods of theoretical and empirical research and applied analysis.	GPC-3.1. Uses theoretical and empirical methods to assess domestic and foreign policy processes at various levels.
GPC-8	Capable of developing proposals and recommendations for applied research and	GPC-8.2. Independently prepares an analytical note based on the results of applied political science research.

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Competence formation indicators (within this course)
	consulting.	

3. COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course «Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East» is part of the mandatory component of Block 1 "Courses (Modules)" of the higher education degree program.

As part of the Higher Education Academic Programme, students also study other courses and/or practices that contribute to the achievement of the planned learning outcomes of the discipline "Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East".

Table 3.1. The list of the higher education programme components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
GC-5	Able to analyze and take into account the diversity of cultures in the process of intercultural interaction.	Research work during the semester; Culture and Identity in Russia; History of Religions in Russia; Ethics of Public Policy and Administration; Diversity and Governance: Civil Society, Religion, and Ethnicity**; Empire and Nationalism in Russia, the Soviet Union, Europe, and Asia**;	
GPC-3	Capable of assessing, modeling and forecasting global, macro-regional, national-state, regional and local political-cultural, socio-economic and socio-political processes based on the use of methods of theoretical and empirical research and applied analysis.	Political values: ways of formation and methods of research; "Pitfalls" of European integration; Russia facing the challenges of global and regional development; Political analytics: opportunities and application.	Undergraduate Practice;
GPC-8	Capable of developing proposals and recommendations for applied research and	Political analytics: opportunities and application; Political values: ways of	Undergraduate Practice;

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
	consulting.	formation and methods of research;	

* To be filled in according to the competence matrix of the higher education programme.

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The total workload of the course is 3 credits 108 academic hours.

Table 4.1. Types of academic activities during the periods of higher education programme mastering

Type of academic activities		Total academic hours	Semesters/ training modules			
				2		4
Contact academic hours		*34*				
Lectures (LC)		17				
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)		17				
Self-studies		*38*				
Evaluation and assessment (exam/ passing/failing grade)		*36*				
Course workload	academ	**108**				

Type of academic activities		Total	Semesters/ training modules			
				2		4
	ichours					
	credits	3				

* To be filled in regarding the higher education programme correspondence training mode.

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Topics contents	Academic activities types
Module 1. Essence, Content, and Functions of Political Culture	Topic 1.1. Typology and Classification of Political Cultures	Basic theoretical approaches to the typologization of political culture, including the classical model of G. Almond and S. Verba (parochial, subject, participant). Classification criteria are analyzed according to the degree of consensus (integrated and fragmented), according to value orientations (liberal, etatist, authoritarian), and according to the level of agency. Special attention is paid to mixed and transitional types of political culture characteristic of modern transforming societies.	*LC, S*
	Topic 1.2. The Problem of Civilizational and Religious Aspects of Political Culture	The influence of civilizational and religious factors (Western, Eastern, Islamic, Orthodox models) on the formation of political traditions and institutions is analyzed. The role of religious norms in the legitimation of power and political socialization is identified, as well as the contradictions between civilizational foundations and processes of modernization.	*LC, S*
Module 2. Comparative Analysis of Western and Eastern Political Cultures	Topic 2.1. Specifics of the Political Culture of Russian Society	Historical and geopolitical factors that have shaped the unique features of Russian political culture are analyzed: statism (dominance of the state), paternalism, collectivism, and the dichotomy of "power — people." Its	*LC, S*

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Topics contents	Academic activities types
		contradictory characteristics are examined, such as the combination of authoritarian traditions with the values of communal democracy, as well as the problem of the gap between the official political culture of elites and the mass attitudes of the population.	
	Topic 2.2. Characteristic Features of Western Political Culture (Liberal-Democratic)	The main parameters of the Western model are analyzed: the priority of individual rights and freedoms, individualism, competitive multi-party system, and developed civil society. The values of tolerance for dissent, pluralism, and a focus on procedural rationality (rule of law, separation of powers) are examined. The connection of Western political culture with Protestant ethics and the traditions of ancient democracy is noted.	*LC, S*
	Topic 2.3. Specifics of Eastern (Traditionalist) Political Cultures	Key characteristics of Eastern political cultures (Confucian, Islamic, Hindu) are identified: the priority of collective (communal, state) interests over individual ones, sacralization of power, and a large distance between elites and masses. Mechanisms of political socialization based on respect for hierarchy, tradition, and ritual are examined, as well as the problem of adaptation of Eastern societies to modern political institutions.	*LC, S*

* - to be filled in only for **full** -time training: *LC - lectures; LW - lab work; S - seminars.*

6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Table 6.1. Classroom equipment and technology support requirements

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
Lecture	A lecture hall for lecture-type classes, equipped with a set of specialised furniture; board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	
Self-studies	A classroom for independent work of students (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialised furniture and computers with access to the electronic information and educational environment.	

* The premises for students' self-studies are subject to **MANDATORY** mention

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main readings:

1. Political Reflection, Theory, and Methodology of Scientific Research. Political Science. Yearbook 2017 [Text]. - Moscow: ROSSPEN, 2017 - 383 p. - ISBN 978-5-8243-2120-3: 350.00.
2. Political Culture: A Study Guide / G.L. Tulchinsky [et al.]; general editor G.L. Tulchinsky. — Moscow: Yurayt Publishing, 2019 — 324 p. — (Author's Textbook Series). — ISBN 978-5-534-03359-5. — Text: electronic // Yurayt Educational Platform [website]. — URL: https://urait.ru/bcode/433059

Additional readings:

1. Kashaf, Sh.R. The Russian State in the Political Discourse of the Muslim Community // Sociology of Power, 2012, Issue 3, pp. 101–116.
2. Landa, R.G. Political Islam: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow // Dialogue of Civilizations as a Vocation: In Honor of Professor N.S. Kirabaev's 55th Birthday. — Moscow: IPK RUDN, 2007 — pp. 164–171.
3. Meshcheryakova, S.M. The Political System of the USA and the Russian Federation: Electronic Textbook / S.M. Meshcheryakova; Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Kemerovo State University, Department of Foreign Languages. — Kemerovo: Kemerovo State University, 2015 — 68 p., illustrated. — Bibliography included. — ISBN 978-5-8353-1806-3; Also available [Electronic resource] http://biblioclub.ru/index.php?page=book&id=481567
4. Suponitskaya, I. Equality and Freedom. Russia and the USA: A Comparison of Systems. — Moscow: ROSSPEN, 2010

Internet sources

1. Electronic libraries (EL) of RUDN University and other institutions, to which university students have access on the basis of concluded agreements:

- RUDN Electronic Library System (RUDN ELS) http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web
- EL "University Library Online" http://www.biblioclub.ru
- EL "Yurayt" http://www.biblio-online.ru
- EL "Student Consultant" www.studentlibrary.ru
- EL "Lan" http://e.lanbook.com/
- EL "Trinity Bridge"

2.Databases and search engines:

- electronic foundation of legal and normative-technical documentation http://docs.cntd.ru/
- Yandex search engine https:// www .yandex.ru/
- Google search engine https://www.google.ru/
- Scopus abstract database http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus/

*Training toolkit for self- studies to master the course *:*

1. The set of lectures on the course «Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East»
2. The laboratory workshop (if any).on the course «Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East»
3. The guidelines for writing a course paper / project (if any) on the course «Political Culture: Russia – the West – the East»

* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university telecommunication training and information system under the set procedure.

DEVELOPERS:

Professor of the department of comparative politics	**Pochta Yu. M.**
position, department	name and surname

HEAD OF EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

Head of the department of comparative politics	**Mchedlova M.M.**
name of department	name and surname

HEAD OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

Professor of the department of comparative politics	**Pochta Yu. M.**
position, department	name and surname