

<b>Subject: Russian Civilisation and Culture 1</b>			
<b>Status</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>ECTS credits</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Obligatory</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2L</b>
<b>Study Programme:</b> Russian language and literature; Undergraduate studies			
<b>Prerequisites:</b>			
<b>Aims:</b> This course gives students an introduction to essential categories and terms related to Russian civilisation and culture, basic knowledge about Russian history, geography, customs and certain social phenomena as well as provides the opportunity for acquiring the basic Russian vocabulary.			
<b>Content:</b> An overview of typical historical, geographical and cultural concepts of Russian culture and civilisation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to Russian civilisation and culture.</li> <li>2. Dominant Russian cultures. History of Russian statehood.</li> <li>3. Geographic position of Russia. Terrain and climate.</li> <li>4. Settlements and cities. Population.</li> <li>5. Natural resources of Russia. Flora and fauna.</li> <li>6. Economy.</li> <li>7. Dominant characteristics of Russian national identity. Russia between the East and the West.</li> <li>8. Midterm exam.</li> <li>9. Russian ancestry: tribes, settlements, customs, lifestyle. Paganism.</li> <li>10. Russian daily life in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century.</li> <li>11. Russian traditional costumes.</li> <li>12. Russian tangible culture and lifestyle. Housing culture through history. Housing problems in Russia.</li> <li>13. Family life in Russia through history. Contemporary family life and ties. Family crisis in the Soviet and Post-Soviet society. The position of women in Russian society.</li> <li>14. Young people in Russia after 1953.</li> <li>15. Midterm exam.</li> </ol>			
<b>Learning outcomes:</b> By the end of this course, students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain essential concepts that determine Russian culture and civilisation (Russian people, nation, state, language, history, religion, ideology, art);</li> <li>2. Describe essential geopolitical characteristics of the Russian Federation;</li> <li>3. Notice the overlapping of pagan and Christian elements in the Russian culture;</li> <li>4. Explain the creation of the dominant Russian national identity;</li> <li>5. Compare the Russian daily life and elements of tangible culture in different epochs of historical development.</li> </ol>			
<b>Student workload:</b>			
<b>Literature:</b> Dž. Bilington, <i>Ikona i sekira</i> , Beograd 1988;1996–2002; <i>Moderna ruska kultura</i> , CID, Podgorica, 2007. M. Stojnić: <i>Ruska civilizacija</i> , Beograd, 1994. <i>Istorija Rusije</i> , Clio, 2003. <i>Autorizovana predavanja prof. drVukaMinića</i> . С.А. КНЯЗЬКОВ, <i>Донетровская Русь</i> , Вече, М., 2005. <i>Славянская мифология. Словарь</i> . М. 1995. А. Yurchak, <i>Everything Was Forever, Until It Was No More. The Last Soviet Generation</i> , Princeton University Press, 2005.			
<b>Grading and evaluation:</b> Attendance and in-class activities: 10 points; midterm exam: 40; final exam: 50. A passing grade is obtained if a student collects cumulatively minimum 51 points.			
<b>Comment:</b> The lectures are partially given in Russian.			
<b>Lecturer: Dr Tatjana Jovović, Associate Professor</b>			