



College of Europe  
Collège d'Europe



Natolin

## ECTS CARD

### STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

### YEAR

2023-2024

### COURSE TITLE

**The Making of Modern Ukraine: History, Independence and War**

### SEMESTER

2

### COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

WILSON Andrew

### ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

BOURGOIS Kilian

### COURSE TYPE

Specialist Course

### MAJOR(S)

EPAP, EUW, EUN, EHC

### ECTS CREDITS

4

### TEACHING HOURS

20

### INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

### TUTORIAL(S)

NO

### COEFFICIENT

1

### LANGUAGE(S)

EN

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

The objective of this course is for students to gain a knowledge of Ukrainian history from a Ukrainian perspective and develop their understanding on how both Russian and Ukrainian narratives about history and politics have been socially constructed over history.

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

**EHC1:** Students master a significant body of historical literature on broad topics in European and global history, including Central and Eastern European History.

**EHC2:** Students develop the ability to construct historical arguments in a variety of literary forms and to tackle questions of general historical significance, ranging widely across time and space, formulating appropriate questions and exemplifying their syntheses with detailed evidence.

**EHC3:** Students develop the ability to design, research and present a sustained and independently conceived piece

of historical writing in European and/or global history.

**EHC4:** Students develop the ability to gather and sift relevant primary and secondary sources relating to specific historical problems, to assess sceptically the reliability of the evidence and the plausibility of different historiographical narratives relating to these problems, and to arrive at their own reasoned interpretations of them.

### RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Read one book from the reading list: Probably Wilson, *The Ukrainians*

## TEACHING METHOD(S)

Ten sessions of two hours, each with a one hour lecture and one hour seminar. Individual seminars will involve student preparation and presentation.

## ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

2-hour closed-book written digital in-class exam counting for 100% of the final mark.

The College of Europe reserves the right to change the delivery and assessment of the course in case of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the College (force majeure). Any communication from the campus administration in this regard takes precedence over the information provided in the ECTS card.

Retake examinations, that is, exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

## COURSE CONTENTS

Topics that will be covered include:

1. Origins: Kievan Rus'
2. Cossacks versus Empire. Religion.
3. Ukraine under Empire. National movements. Official policy: Ukrainophobia and Ukrainian myopia.
4. Independence
5. Ukrainian Politics
6. Poroshenko. The Politics of Reform and Resistance
7. Zelensky
8. National Identity
9. War: Russia's Aims
10. War: Ukrainian Resistance

## COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Reading list available in the course outline.