

TAILOR-MADE MODULES AND PROGRAMS IN RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies at the University of Tartu, Estonia, has extensive experience in organizing summer schools and training modules in the field of Russian, East European and Eurasian studies. We provide tailor-made programmes designed to meet the needs of diverse partners and target groups. In addition to lectures and seminar discussions, we offer exciting programs beyond the classroom, including excursions, study trips and cultural events in Estonia, the neighbouring Russia and the broader Baltic-Nordic region.

Lectures are designed to give participants an in-depth understanding of the key issues and trends. The topics may include but are not limited to:

- › Russian language (including language immersion)
- › History and Culture of Russia
- › Russian Foreign Policy
- › Russian Economy
- › State and Nation-building in Russia and Eurasia
- › Political System and Regime Dynamics in Russia
- › Perestroika and the origins of post-Soviet Russia
- › Institutional framework of EU-Russia relations
- › Regional Conflicts in Eurasia
- › Russian Society and Culture
- › Media in Russia
- › Russian Orthodoxy
- › Memory Politics in Russia
- › Russians beyond Russia

Excursions and Cultural Activities

Estonia's compact size and geographical location enables us to offer various activities, such as:

- › Tour of Tallinn Old Town, UNESCO World Heritage site
- › Study trip to Narva, the city on the Estonian-Russian border
- › Excursions to Soviet history sites
- › Tour of Russian Old Believer Villages in Estonia
- › Visit to Pühtitsa Orthodox convent
- › Variety of cultural events
- › Trips to St. Petersburg or Pskov
- › Excursions to Helsinki and Riga

Instructors and teaching

- › Multinational team of instructors: internationally renowned scholars with diverse competences spanning political, social, cultural and economic issues in the region.
- › Interactive teaching methods and accessible digital learning platforms.
- › Native-speaking Russian language instructors.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- Focus on politics; society; culture; history; Russian language study at all levels
- Lectures; seminars; study trips; site visits; cultural and social program
- Language of Instruction can be English or Russian
- Location: Estonia, with options of visiting Russia, Latvia, Finland
- 1-3 weeks (approx. 26 hours per week)
- up to 4 ECTS

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About University of Tartu

Founded in 1632, the University of Tartu is the leading research university in the New Europe (Times Higher Education 2018). It is the only Baltic university that has been invited to join the Coimbra Group, a prestigious club of renowned research universities, and it is a member of the Utrecht Network and the U4 university network.

The University has around 13 000 students, 3500 employees and 155 study programmes. According to information on the ISI Web of Science, the University of Tartu belongs to the top 1% of the world's most-cited universities and research institutions.

About Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies

The Institute combines research at an international level with a dynamic environment for teaching and learning at all levels of higher education. The study programmes are based on the research competences of the Institute and are taught in both Estonian and English. Conducted research encompasses the main subfields of political science (comparative politics, international relations, political theory) and regional studies focusing on Europe, Russia, and Eurasia.

The modules are offered in cooperation with the Centre for EU–Russia Studies, a multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching at the University of Tartu (UT), Estonia. It brings together scholars and experts who share an interest in the relationship between the European Union and the Russian Federation. CEURUS coordinates and sponsors a variety of activities relating to research, teaching and public outreach in the area of EU–Russia relations.

The Institute has been successful in obtaining competitive research funding from national, European and international sources, including the Horizon 2020.

In 2019, the Institute has been rated among the 150 best Politics and International Relations departments in the world (QS World Rankings in Politics and International Studies).

