



Romanian Academy
School of Advanced Studies of the Romanian Academy
Doctoral School of History and Archaeology
Nicolae Iorga Institute of History

COURSE SYLLABUS

Romanian Communism from Totalitarianism to Liberalisation

Academic year 2023-2024

1. Programme information

1.1 Institution of Higher Education	Romanian Academy
1.2 Faculty/Department	SCOSAAR/School of Advanced Studies of the Romanian Academy
1.3 Department	History, Nicolae Iorga Institute of History
1.4 Field of research	History
1.5 Type of studies	PhD studies
1.6 Study programme/Qualification	Historical 263302, History researcher 263307, Assistant professor 231001

2. Field of study information

2.1 Field of study name				Romanian Communism from Totalitarianism to Liberalisation			
2.2 Course professor				CS II dr. Mioara ANTON			
2.3 Seminary professor				CS II dr. Mioara ANTON			
2.4 Year of study	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Type of evaluation	E	2.7 Field of study type	DS

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	Of which: 3.2 course	1	3.3 Seminary/Laboratory	1
3.4 Total number of hours in the teaching plan	28	Of which: 3.5 course	14	3.6 Seminary/Laboratory	14
Time allotment			Hours		
Study using the textbook, course support, bibliography, and notes			68		
Library -, specialised electronic document platform -, and field documentation			70		
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, subjects, papers, portfolios, and essays			60		

Tutorial	20
Examinations	4
Other activities	--
3.7 Total number of individual study hours	222
3.9 Total number of hours per semester	250
3.10 Number of credits	10

4. Preconditions (when necessary)

4.1 Curriculum	Contemporary History of Romania, Contemporary World History
4.2 Competences	Necessary competences for the mentioned fields of study

5. Conditions (when necessary)

5.1 For the course	Classroom with computer and video projector
5.2 For the seminary/laboratory	Classroom with computer and video projector

7. Field of study objectives (derived from the table if specific acquired competences)

7.1 Main field of study objective	A higher degree of familiarisation and comprehension of how the administrative institutions in Communist Romania functioned during the specified period
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - knowing and understanding the social, political, and economical context of the Communist era, from totalitarianism to liberalisation; - knowing the main legal frame for the administration and state institutions in Communist Romania; - utilizing key organization and functioning concepts and principles for the professional admission in a public institution; - identifying and explaining the disruptions and continuities within the evolution of Romanian public administration, between totalitarianism and liberalisation; - studying course topics from an interdisciplinary perspective; - knowing and understanding the impact of state policies on humanity.

8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Observations
Introduction: course topic. Historiography.	Lecture, debate	2 hours
The rise of Communism within the Romanian society (1944-1948). Purge, collaboration, and dissidence within the administration. The war against the <i>Old Regime</i> bureaucracy. State-Party: central and local party structures.	Lecture, problematization	4 hours
The administrative and territorial organisation of Romania, 1948-1989. Local <i>authority</i> : institutions, representatives, agents, I, 1948-1968. Local <i>authority</i> : institutions, representatives, agents, II, 1968-1989	Lecture, debate, problematization	4 hours

Relations of the Prosecutors' Office, the Security and the Miliția (Police) with the administration and other state institutions. <i>Bureaucracy</i> in Communist Romania. The war against corruption. The inner corruption	Lecture, debate	4 hours
8.2 Seminary/Laboratory		
Public administration and nomenclatura in foreign historiography. Study of the inventories of funds from the Central National Historical Archives	Conversation, problematization	3 hours
Analysis of the statutes of the Romanian Workers' Party/Romanian Communist Party. Mentions on the state, institutions, administration, and state employees in the Constitutions of 1948, 1952, and 1965	Debate, problematization	3 hours
Administration, agents, and <i>state employees</i> in literature	Conversation, case study	2 hours
The notion of political and administrative elite during the Communist regime, between totalitarianism and liberalisation	Problematization, debate, discovery learning	2 hours
Presentation of papers by the doctoral students and discussions	Exposition, debate	4 hours

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9. Corroboration of the contents of the field of study with the expectations of the representatives of the epistemic community, professional associations, and significant employers for the programme's domain

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10. Evaluation

Type of activity	Evaluation criteria	Evaluation methods	Final grade percentage
10.4 Course	Attending discussions during course; acquiring a certain level of knowledges and specific skills for the field of study.	Oral assessment	50%
10.5 Seminary/laboratory	Involvement in debates on seminary topics; demonstrating analytical ability of historical sources and specialized bibliographies through an academic paper	Writing and oral assessment	50%
10.6 Minimum performance standard Acquiring a minimum level of knowledge; understanding the main concepts, notions, and ideas			

Course tutor's signature
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