

Abstract to Discipline Course Plan
"Economic and Political Processes in the CIS"

Purpose of study	<p>The purpose of the course is: to deepen students' knowledge of the problems of the history of post-Soviet states; to specify the main directions of the study of integration processes in the CIS countries; to attract students' attention to the possibility of conducting independent scientific research in this field.</p> <p>The main objectives of the course are: to form students' ideas about the essence of the processes of integration and disintegration in public life; to study the prerequisites for disintegration of the USSR and integration of post-Soviet states; to examine the mechanisms of the CIS functioning; to highlight the problems and prospects for the development of integration within the CIS and sub-regional associations.</p>
Place of discipline in the academic program	U 1.C.2*
Competencies to be acquired	GPC-3, GPC-4, PC-3, PC-4, PC-5, UC-5
Acquired knowledge, skills and abilities	<p>Know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the essence of the processes of integration and disintegration in public life; - specific historical facts on the history of the Russian Empire, the USSR, and the CIS; - stages of the formation of the CIS; - treaties between the CIS countries; - institutional structure of the CIS; - integration and disintegration processes within the CIS; - the system of regional security and interstate relations within the CIS. <p>Be able to::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - find information on the progress, trends, and processes of development of the CIS institutional structure; - conduct a comparative analysis of the facts of the CIS development stages; - analyze current trends in the political, economic and cultural development of the CIS countries; - navigate in the media of the CIS countries; - discuss with the use of concrete facts of the history of CIS countries' development. <p>Have the following skills and (or) experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - skills of comparative analysis on factual material; - defend their own point of view on specific historical facts of the development of the CIS;
Content of the discipline	<p>Post-Soviet space as a scientific term. Processes of integration and disintegration in the CIS. Commonwealth of Independent States: features of formation and development. Institutional structure of the CIS and normative-legal aspects of functioning. The CIS region in the foreign policy of Russia. Economic and political processes in the "new Eastern Europe". Economic and political processes in the South Caucasus. Economic and political processes in Central Asia. Integration of Belarus and Russia. Multilateral interaction in the post-Soviet space: cooperation and contradictions. Political and economic strategies of extra-regional powers and organizations in the post-Soviet space. Preparation for midterm evaluation.</p>
Educational activities	Lectures, practical classes, independent study.
Information, instrumental and software tools used	<p>Microsoft Windows 7-Zip AcrobatReader Law reference system "ConsultantPlus" (the installed resource of Altai State University or http://www.consultant.ru/). Electronic database "Scopus" (http://www.scopus.com); Electronic library system of Altai State University (http://elibrary.asu.ru/); Scientific electronic library elibrary (http://elibrary.ru)</p>
Midterm	Credit.

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*(U- unit, C-compulsory discipline)