

## **SPRING 2024 COURSES IN UKRAINIAN STUDIES**

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### **BRAND NEW: CREATING IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY UKRAINIAN CULTURE**

Slavic

GU4037

Points: 3

Tuesday and Thursdays, 1:10-2:25PM

Instructor: Mark Andryczyk

This course presents and examines post-Soviet Ukrainian literature. Students will learn about the significant achievements, names, events, scandals and polemics in contemporary Ukrainian literature and will see how they have contributed to Ukraine's post-Soviet identity. Students will examine how Ukrainian literature became an important site for experimentation with language, for providing feminist perspectives, for engaging previously-banned taboos and for deconstructing Soviet and Ukrainian national myths. Among the writers to be focused on in the course are Serhiy Zhadan, Yuri Andrukhovych, Oksana Zabuzhko and Taras Prokhasko. Centered on the most important successes in literature, the course will also explore key developments in music and visual art of this period. Special focus will be given to how the 2013/2014 Euromaidan revolution and today's war with Russia are treated in today's literature. By also studying Ukrainian literature with regards to its relationship with Ukraine's changing political life, students will obtain a good understanding of the dynamics of today's Ukraine and the development of Ukrainians as a nation in the 21st century. The course will be complemented by audio and video presentations. Entirely in English with a parallel reading list for those who read Ukrainian.

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### **THE POLITICS OF IDENTITY IN POST-COMMUNIST EAST CENTRAL EUROPE**

Regional Institute

U6520

Points: 3

Wednesdays, 2:10-4:00PM

Instructor: Volodymyr Kulyk

The course examines the complex relations between politics and identities in various countries of post-communist Eastern, Central and Southern Europe. It deals with various aspects of the politics of identity, including language, ethnicity, religion, and memory, in an array of social domains encompassing education, public administration, media, churches, linguistic landscapes, and public monuments. It seeks to describe post-

communist processes in these domains as both grounded in ideologies and practices of the communist and pre-communist past and shaped by the domestic sociopolitical situation and external (geo)political contexts. A case featured in the course is Ukraine, which is very interesting in view of its ambivalent historical legacy, contradictory policies in post-Soviet years, and the remarkable resilience that has been demonstrated in time of war with Russia. At the same time, considerable attention will be paid to cases as different as Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, the Baltic and post-Yugoslav states. This choice of cases makes it possible to present a diversity and complexity of identity politics in post-communist societies.

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### **STATE AND SOCIETY IN UKRAINE**

Political Science

GU4439

Points: 4

Mondays, 2:10-4:00PM

Instructor: Volodymyr Kulyk

This course deals with the functioning of the state and society in post-Soviet Ukraine, from its peaceful establishment in 1991 to its affirmation and revision in the crucible of the war with neo-imperial Russia since 2014. On the one hand, it examines the formation and subsequent transformation of the state, including the branches of government, the party system, elections, foreign policy, education and social welfare. On the other hand, it discusses various facets of society such as religion, media, language use, gender relations, poverty, racism, etc. In tracing the relations between the state and society on a rocky road from totalitarianism to democracy, particular attention is paid to two upsurges of popular protest against state abuse, namely the Orange and Euromaidan revolutions and subsequent attempts to empower society and strengthen its control over the state. No less prominent will be discussions of two military interventions by Russia seeking to keep Ukraine in its sphere of influence, the annexation of Crimea and the instigation of a separatist conflict in the Donbas in 2014, and the full-blown invasion in 2022, and the Ukrainian state and society's responses to these interventions.

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### **UKRAINE: POWER POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY**

Regional Institute

U8755

Points: 3

Tuesdays, 2:10-4:00PM

Instructor: Valerii Kuchynskyi

The seminar-like course consists of three parts: Historical Background, Thematic and Political Issues and Conclusions. It provides historical perspectives on the development of today's Ukraine, analyses the evolution of its politics since Independence and its quest for Euroatlantic integration. While providing an assessment of political, social and economic transformations, the course examines major causes of Euromaidan and the Revolution of Dignity. The current political situation in the country and the ongoing Russian aggression are thoroughly investigated. The results of the 2019 Presidential and Parliamentary election and its impact will also be analyzed in detail. What are the chances by the new Government to reach a "peaceful solution" in the Donbas, eradicate corruption, improve economic situation and implement reforms? Is there a future for the Minsk accords? What's the significance of the Normandy Summit? These and other issues, including behind-the-scenes activities, power struggle and diplomatic activities, are dealt with in the newly revised course delivered by a career diplomat. The format of the course will encourage active dialogue and analytical reflection on the part of the students. The professor regularly provides articles and reviews on the latest political developments. During the course each student is to prepare a mid-term and final papers exploring the prospects of Ukraine becoming a free, prosperous, democratic state and a member of European institutions or staying in the zone of Russian influence and the consequences thereof.

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### **UKRAINE IN NEW YORK**

History

GU4253

Points: 4

Wednesdays, 10:10AM-12:00PM

Instructor: Alexander J. Motyl

This course is a multidisciplinary exploration of the Ukrainian-American community in New York City from its beginnings in the late 19th century to the present. The course focuses on the history, demographics, economics, politics, religion, education, and culture of the community, devoting particular attention to the impact thereon of the New York setting, shifting attitudes towards American politics and culture and homeland politics and culture, and the tensions encountered in navigating between America, Soviet Ukraine, and independent Ukraine.

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### **ELEMENTARY UKRAINIAN II**

Slavic

UN1102

Points: 4

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday, 11:40AM-12:55PM

Instructor: William Debnam

Designed for students with little or no knowledge of Ukrainian. Basic grammar structures are introduced and reinforced, with equal emphasis on developing oral and written communication skills. Specific attention to acquisition of high-frequency vocabulary and its optimal use in real-life settings.

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## **INTERMEDIATE UKRAINIAN II**

Slavic

UN2102

Points: 4

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday, 10:10-11:25AM

Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

Prerequisites: UKRN W1102 or the equivalent. Reviews and reinforces the fundamentals of grammar and a core vocabulary from daily life. Principal emphasis is placed on further development of communicative skills (oral and written). Verbal aspect and verbs of motion receive special attention.

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## **ADVANCED UKRAINIAN THROUGH LITERATURE, MEDIA, AND POLITICS II**

Slavic

GU4007

Points: 3

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:40-3:55PM

Method of Instruction: In-Person

Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

This content-based modular course is designed to develop students' capacity to use the Ukrainian language as a research and communication tool in a variety of specialized functional and stylistic areas that include literary fiction, scholarly prose, printed and broadcast journalism. It is designed for students with interest in the history, politics, literature, culture and other aspects of contemporary Ukraine, as well as those who plan to do their research, business or reporting about Ukraine. The course is taught in Ukrainian. Being equivalent to an advanced language course, the proposed course will further develop students' proficiency in grammar to enable them to narrate and describe in major time

frames with adequate command of aspect. The study of grammar includes patterns of word formation, participle, gerund, an in-depth study of such difficult subjects as verbal aspect, verbs of motion, stylistic and functional stratification of language, communicative sentence perspective.

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January 16th is the first day of classes. For more information about courses or the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University, please contact Dr. Mark Andryczyk at [ukrainianstudies@columbia.edu](mailto:ukrainianstudies@columbia.edu) or (212) 854-4697.