

FALL 2024 COURSES IN UKRAINIAN STUDIES

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN UKRAINE

Political Science

GU4458

Points: 4

Tuesdays, 10:10AM-12PM

Instructor: Anastasiia Vlasenko

Government and Politics of Ukraine is an upper-level undergraduate Comparative Politics course which focuses on Ukraine's political system, institutions, and social dynamics. Students will examine the historical, cultural, and geopolitical factors affecting Ukrainian politics, including democratization, corruption, foreign policy, and the ongoing invasion. The course will analyze Ukraine's role in European politics and its relationship with Russia. Readings include theories of voting, party systems, political protests, and transitions to democracy, with a re-examination of these theories in the context of Ukraine. The main goal is to equip students with theoretical tools to understand Ukraine's political events and challenges. While covering recent history, the course also addresses broader issues related to democratization reforms, drawing on readings from Comparative Political Science, Economics, and Sociology.

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ELEMENTARY UKRAINIAN I

Slavic

UN1101

Points: 4

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

Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

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 I

Slavic

UN2101

Points: 4

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:10AM-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).

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ADVANCED UKRAINIAN THROUGH LITERATURE, MEDIA, AND POLITICS

Slavic

UN4006

Points: 3

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:10PM-2:25PM

Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

This course is organized around a number of thematic centers or modules. Each is focused on stylistic peculiarities typical of a given functional style of the Ukrainian language. Each is designed to assist the student in acquiring an active command of lexical, grammatical, discourse, and stylistic traits that distinguish one style from the others and actively using them in real-life communicative settings in contemporary Ukraine. The styles include literary fiction, scholarly prose, and journalism, both printed and broadcast.

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POST COLONIAL/POST SOVIET CINEMA

Comparative Literature/Slavic

GU4075

Points: 3

Tuesdays, 6:10PM-10:00PM

Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

The course will discuss how filmmaking has been used as an instrument of power and imperial domination in the Soviet Union as well as in the post-Soviet space since 1991. A body of selected films by Soviet and post-Soviet directors which exemplify the function of filmmaking as a tool of appropriation of the colonized, their cultural and political subordination by the Soviet center will be examined in terms of postcolonial theories. The course will focus both on Russian cinema and often overlooked work of Ukrainian, Georgian, Belarusian, Armenian, etc. national film schools and how they participated in the communist project of fostering a «new historic community of the Soviet people» as well as resisted it by generating, in hidden and, since 1991, overt and increasingly assertive ways their own counter-narratives. Close attention will be paid to the new

Russian film as it re-invents itself within the post-Soviet imperial momentum projected on the former Soviet colonies.

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September 3rd is the first day of classes. September 13th is the last day to add a class. For more information about courses or the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University, please contact Dr. Mark Andryczyk at ukrainianstudies@columbia.edu or (212) 854-4697.