

REE 381 • Graduate Seminar in Russian, east European, and Eurasian Civilizations and Cultures

Fall 2012 Meets T 300pm-600pm PAR 210

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Course Description

This course, required for the M.A. in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, is a team-taught seminar designed to prepare graduate students for advanced interdisciplinary study and research in the field. The seminar provides a topical overview of disciplinary studies of the region and of faculty and research resources at the University. Various invited faculty members associated with the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies will rotate through over the course of the semester in conducting seminars on their areas of research and expertise.

Required readings:

Readings for the course will be provided by the instructor throughout the semester. Graduate students will also work on compilation of annotated bibliography pertinent to their research project.

Course Requirements

The course will structured as follows:

Part I: Graduate students will design a research project, which will require a prospectus, annotated bibliography, oral presentation, and final paper of at least 3000 words.

Part II: The invited faculty member will use the first half of the session to lecture on the assigned topic, followed by questions and discussion based on both the lecture itself and assigned readings on the topic. It is imperative that participants attend all sessions and carefully prepare any pre-seminar assignments.

- Oct 9* Dr. Michael Pesenson (Slavic and Eurasian Studies)
on theory and practice of research
- * Class begins at 3:30
- Oct 16 Dr. Joan Neuberger (History) on theory and practice of research
- Oct 23 Workshop by CREEES and DSES graduate students sharing their
experiences and research with new graduate students
Draft prospectus is due outlining major points of research project,
including skeleton annotated bibliography and methodology statement
- Oct 30* Class meets at LBJ library with Dr. Mary Neuberger for a tour and a team
research project
- Nov 6 Ukrainian delegation of academicians within the project
“Open World” – discussion of higher education in Ukraine
- Nov 13 Dr. Zoltan Barany (Government) on theory and methods of research
Teams present
- Nov 20 Dr. Charters Wynn (History) on theory and methods of research
- Nov 27 Avi Tucker on East Central Europe and Energy Issues
- Dec 4 **Final oral presentations**
- Dec 12, Wed. by noon **Students’ final papers are due.**