



Faculty of Arts
School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

SLAV 356.01
Perspectives on Eastern Europe: Postsocialism
MWF 14:00 - 14:50
SB 146

Winter 2019

COURSE OUTLINE

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DESCRIPTION

The course explores the similarities and differences of the postsocialist experience in Russia and East European countries which were ruled by communist governments during the twentieth century. Topics include: memory of the (socialist) past, re-writing history and nostalgia for socialism, building new national identities and the rise of nationalism, the revival of religion, migration and emigration, gender issues, changes in the public and private spheres of social life, livelihood and survival in market economy, and the evolving attitudes to Russia in Eastern Europe.

This course has no prerequisites. It is a topics course that may be repeated for credit.

OBJECTIVES

The course aims to provide a broad overview of the characteristics of contemporary East European societies that stem from their distinctive shared historical experiences during the twentieth century.

OUTCOMES

In addition to developing a broad understanding of the diverse contemporary East European societies, this course is designed to facilitate the development of intellectual **independence** and core humanities and social sciences skills: close reading of source materials, effective reasoning and critical thinking; collaborative learning; **communication**, presentation and argumentation in small-group and plenary discussions.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES

PowerPoint presentations (2)	24%	Final Examination will be scheduled by the Registrar during April 2019. Requests for preassignment of examinations to special dates for whatever cause or reason cannot be accommodated. Similarly, changes in the dates of scheduled examinations cannot be approved. No exceptions will be made to the Examinations Timetable.
Written responses to your classmates' presentations (2)	12%	
Midterm test	25%	
Class participation	14%	
Final exam	25%	



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GRADING SCALE

A+: 97-100 (98.5)	B+: 80-84 (82)	C+: 65-69 (67)	D+: 52-54 (53)
A: 90-96 (94)	B: 75-79 (77)	C: 60-64 (62)	D: 50-51 (50.5)
A-: 85-89 (87)	B-: 70-74 (72)	C-: 55-59 (57)	F: 0-49

Note: The average value in brackets will be used when letter grades are transformed into percentages.

REQUIRED TEXTS

A variety of sources will be referred to and analysed in class that include but are not limited to artifacts of popular and high culture, scholarly journal articles and book chapters and excerpts from fiction and non-fiction. More information is provided in D2L.

COURSE NOTES

Please refer to D2L for on-going information, such as midterm and presentation schedules.

Missed tests and presentations will be given a grade of F unless a student can show that the absence was for legitimate reasons.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

1. **Plagiarism** is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. Plagiarism exists when:

- the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);
- parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;
- the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or
- a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted."

Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

2. **Cheating** at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.

3. **Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.



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4. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS

Craigie Hall: Professional Faculties food court (alternate: Education Block food court)

Education Block and Tower: Scurfield Hall atrium (alternate: Professional Faculties food court)

Kinesiology: north courtyard, MacEwan Student Centre (alternate: University Theatres lobby)

For the complete list of assembly points please consult <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it.

Please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.



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INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SAFEWALK

To request a Safewalk escort anywhere on campus, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, please call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help Phones.

Web: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

STUDENT UNION INFORMATION

Representatives and contact details: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html>

Student Ombudsman: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Writing skills should cross all disciplines. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office (<http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/>) can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.