

REBELS & REVOLUTIONARIES IN HISTORY & LITERATURE

RUS F325

SUMMER 2026



Spanning almost a century of Russian literature, this course highlights a gallery of fictional and real rebels and revolutionaries. Were they heroes and martyrs who sacrificed their lives to improve the lot of others? Or unscrupulous and manipulative individuals who disguised their thirst for power behind an agenda of societal betterment?

MARINA ALEXANDROVA

MTWTHF 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
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INTRODUCTION TO RUSSIAN, E EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

REE 301 / HIS 301R

FALL 2026



This is a core course required for a degree in Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies.

Why did communism collapse? Are we in another Cold War? Is Putin the next Stalin? This course provides an interdisciplinary introduction to these & other key issues, topics, & events that are central to the field of Russian, Eastern European, & Eurasian Studies. It features frequent UT faculty guest speakers from across the university with diverse disciplinary specialities including History, Slavic languages & literature, Anthropology, Geography, Political Science, & Ethnomusicology. The course format consists of lectures, discussion, & frequent interactive, student-driven exercises & projects.

STEVEN SEEDEL

MWF 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
BUR 136
UNIQUE 45570



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THE RUSSIAN NOVEL

REE 325 / C L 323 / CTI 346

FALL 2026



The course explores the role and development of the novel as a leading genre of Russian literature in the 19th and 20th centuries. Among the suggested texts are major works of the key writers of pre-revolutionary Russia and the Russian émigré community: A. Pushkin, M. Lermontov, I. Turgenev, F. Dostoevsky, F. Sologub, and V. Nabokov. In addition to the classical texts, students also learn the characteristics of Russian Romanticism, Realism, and the Modernism within the wider context of European cultural development.

OLEKSIY OSTALTSEV

MWF 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
PAR 206
UNIQUE 45579



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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX RELIGION AND CULTURE

REE 325 / R S 357W / HIS 325Q

FALL 2026



This course examines the role and force of the Orthodox Church in Russian history from the Christianization of the pagan Slavs beginning in the 10th century, through the 1551 Stoglav Council under Ivan “the Terrible” (as a result of which, the ROC’s communion with the other Eastern Orthodox Churches was noticeably strained), through the Russian Revolution into the Soviet era (when a number of its priests were KGB!), and up to the present including Pussy iot’s guerilla performance of “Punk Prayer” at Christ the Savior Cathedral and an icon-kissing Vladimir Putin.

JASON ROBERTS

MWF 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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VAMPIRE: DOMINATION & DESIRE

REE 325

FALL 2026



The course traces the figure of the vampire through cultural imaginations, from ancient mythology and Slavic folklore to contemporary popular culture. It examines texts across diverse media (oral narrative, historical document, literary fiction, film) and asks how the bloodthirsty undead have served as the symbolic vehicle for themes of sexuality, colonization, exclusion, ethnic/racial domination, class conflict, social deviance, and sexual desire.



PETRE PETROV

TTH 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
BUR 136
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RUSSIA AND UKRAINE IN WORLD HISTORY

REE 335 / HIS 361W / EUS 346

FALL 2026



What prospects for change exist in Russia and Ukraine? This course is a transnational exploration of the history, cultures, shared territories, and geopolitics of entangled Russian-Ukrainian relations through war and peace, conflict and coexistence. We study themes of colonialism, nationalism, modernity and violence within worlds of elites and nonelites. From premodern to post-imperial contexts, we look critically at global impacts of reform and revolution through Stalinist and post-Stalinist periods, up to and beyond the Orange Revolution and Euromaidan.

STEVEN SEEGEL

TTH 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
BUR 220
UNIQUE 45600



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SECURITY & POLICY IN EASTERN EUROPE & EURASIA

REE 335/ EUS 348 / GOV 326U

SPRING 2026



Consider key foreign policy challenges and security issues facing post-communist Eastern European countries from the perspective of their respective NATO and EU memberships. Examine contemporary policy debates regarding a resurgent Russian, Chinese foreign policy outreach, and non-state actors, as well as challenges and concerns on terrorism, extremism, and ethnic, religious, and political radicalization.

KIRIL AVRAMOV

TTH 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM
RLP 1.106
UNIQUE 45599



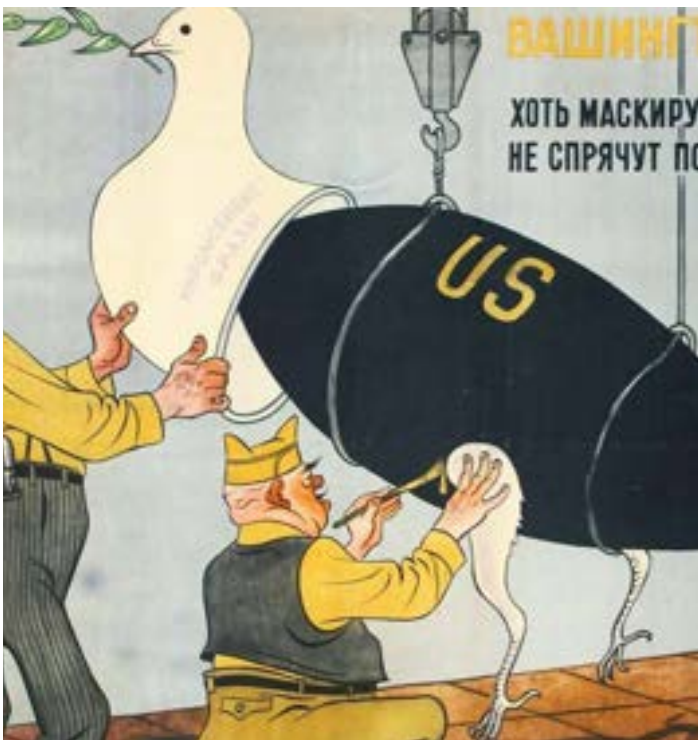
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POLITICAL WARFARE & PROPAGANDA

REE 335 / GOV 364V

FALL 2026



Examine the phenomenon of political warfare in a contemporary global context, focusing on Russia and Eastern Europe. Explore the evolution of techniques of political warfare, including psychological warfare and propaganda.

KIRIL AVRAMOV

TTH 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
UTC 1.146
UNIQUE 45595



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JEWS IN EASTERN EUROPE

REE 335 / HIS 361W / EUS 346

FALL 2026



This course explores the history and culture of Jews in Eastern Europe, focusing on the Jewish societies in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires, and the Soviet Union. Through the study of academic texts, literature, autobiography, music, podcasts, oral histories, and film, the course maps the Jewish experience from the 1500s until the present through topics such as secularization, urbanization, migration, antisemitism, political movements, and world wars. We study the destruction of the Jewish societies in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust as well as Jewish memory and renewal in Eastern Europe since the end of communism.

ISABELLE HEADRICK

TTH 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
JGB 2.202
UNIQUE 45590



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POWER & RESISTANCE IN PUTIN'S RUSSIA

REE 345/ ANT 322W

FALL 2026



Introduction to Russian political and protest cultures--beyond the headlines and outside the Kremlin walls.

MARIA SIDORKINA

TTH 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
PAR 103
UNIQUE 45605



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SEMINAR IN RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES

REE 381

FALL 2026



This is the introductory seminar to Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. It consists of a series of guest lectures by a diverse cast of CREEES faculty in order to give the students as broad an overview of the field as possible.

MARY NEUBURGER

W 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
BUR 231
UNIQUE 45610



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STALINIST RUSSIA

REE 387 / HIS 383

FALL 2026



This graduate seminar will examine the history and historiography of the Stalinist period. Much of the course will focus on the interaction between the party-state and society: both how government policies affected people's daily lives and how social and economic realities, as well as popular resistance, shaped and constrained state policy. We will also focus on the brutal war on the Eastern Front, including its origins and legacy.

CHARTERS WYNN

TH 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
GAR 1.122
UNIQUE 45630



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RESEARCH & DESIGN METHODS: SOCIAL INQUIRY

REE 388 / P A 388K

FALL 2026



In this course, students learn about various research design approaches and methods for rigorous and robust inquiries into topics of politics, economics, and society. The course is roughly divided into two parts. The first part focuses on research design considerations—we will delve into how to formulate a research question, how to choose and justify cases, how to choose data and methods to answer the question, and how to address alternative explanations. We will begin the second part by learning about the differences between qualitative and quantitative observational studies and experimental research.

DEGI UVSH

T 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
BUR 231
UNIQUE 45634

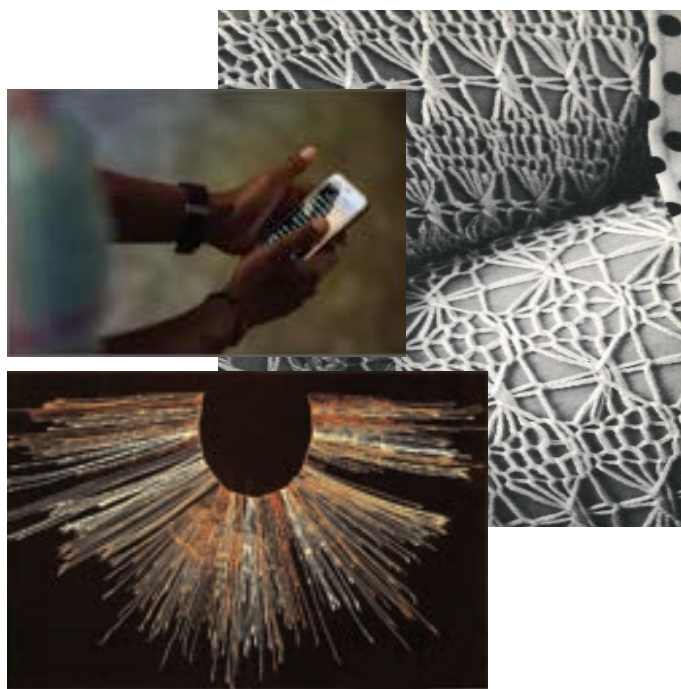


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ETHNOGRAPHY OF DIGITAL MEDIA

REE 388

FALL 2026



Have you ever broken up with someone using a text message? Or wondered why trolls troll? In this course, we will investigate new digital technologies and their impact on social worlds across “liberal” and “illiberal” political divides, and the legacies of “first,” “second,” and “third world” area studies models. While the course will begin with a brief overview of old media paradigms (the novel, the newspaper), we will spend most of our time exploring new social kinds (the troll, the hashtag, the GIF archive, the emoticon, the TikTok challenge). The goal is to develop a rigorous understanding of new media forms and to design ethnographic data collection methods for projects that can answer a variety of questions about digitally mediated interaction.

MARIA SIDORKINA

M 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
BUR 231
UNIQUE 45635



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CZECH LANGUAGE COURSES

FALL 2026



CZ 506 FIRST YEAR CZECH I

MTWTHF 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
BUR 231
UNIQUE 45770

CZ 412K SECOND YR CZECH I

MTWTH 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
BUR 231
UNIQUE 45775

CHRISTIAN HILCHEY



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POLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

FALL 2026



BERNADETA KAMINSKA

POL 506 FIRST YEAR POLISH I

MW 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
TTH 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
BUR 128
UNIQUE 45830

POL 312K SECOND YR POLISH I

TTH 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
BUR 128
UNIQUE 45835

POL 325 THIRD YR POLISH I

TTH 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
BUR 231
UNIQUE 45840



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RUSSIAN ONLINE



The Russian Online program consists of three courses, Russian 406, 407, and 412K. The Russian Online program is semi-intensive. It covers in three semesters what a traditional college-level foreign language program covers in four. These are college level courses that carry full credit from The University of Texas at Austin.

Note: the course is fully online, however, classes meet once per week at a scheduled time to encourage speaking/listening skills.

RUS 406 FIRST YEAR RUSSIAN I

W 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

RUS 407 FIRST YEAR RUSSIAN II

W 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RUS 412K SECOND YEAR RUSSIAN I

W 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

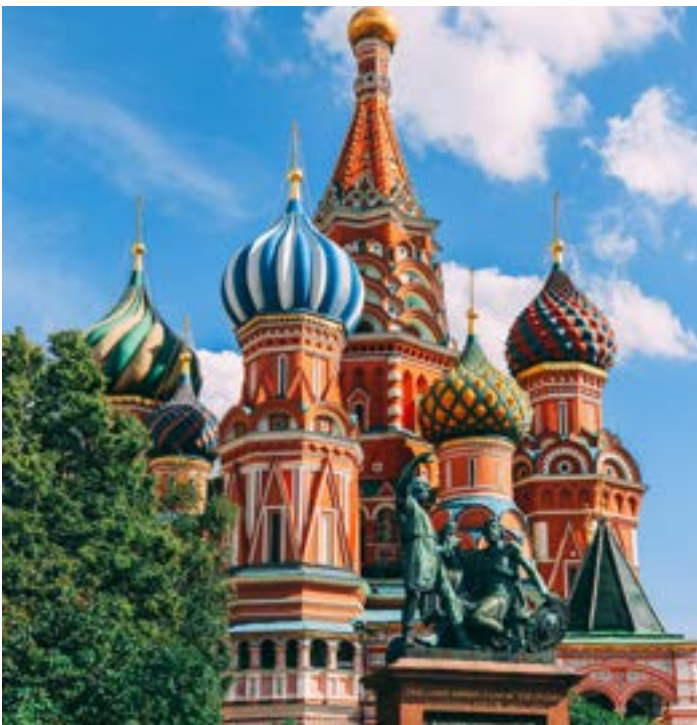
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BEGINNER RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

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RUS 406 FIRST YR RUSSIAN I

MTWTH 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
CBA 4.340
HEATHER RICE
UNIQUE 45900

RUS 601C INTENSIVE RUSSIAN

MWF 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TTH 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
EVGENIA WILKINS
SZB 3.814 / GAR 0.132
UNIQUE 45895



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INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

FALL 2026



RUS 322C
INT RUSSIAN THRU CONVERSATION

MWF 12:00 AM - 1:00 PM
EVGENIA WILKINS
MEZ B0.302
UNIQUE 45920



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ADVANCED RUSSIAN THROUGH HISTORY

RUS 326E

FALL 2026



Using the second edition of *Advanced Russian through History* by Anna Alsufieva and Benjamin Rifkin as its primary text, this course immerses students in scholarly essays written by Russian-speaking historians, and pairs each essay with audio mini-lectures, documentary films, journalism, poetry, and podcasts drawn from the textbook's supplementary digital archive.

MARINA ALEXANDROVA

MWF 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
BUR 228
UNIQUE 45925



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BOSNIAN/CROATIAN/ MONTENEGRIN/SERBIAN

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FRANE KARABATIĆ

BCM 506 BCMS I

MWF 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
INTERNET
UNIQUE 45705

BCM 312K BCMS III

TTH 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
INTERNET
UNIQUE 45710

BCM 324 BCMS V

TTH 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
INTERNET
UNIQUE 45715



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LANGUAGE

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RUSSIAN, EUROPEAN,
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CAUSES OF WAR

REE 335 / GOV 360G

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SCOTT WOLFORD

TTH 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
RLP 0.112
UNIQUE 45585



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