The University of Oklahoma  
College of Continuing Education  
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:  
Russian Politics in Comparative Perspective

Course Number:  
PSC 5603-102

Course Description:  
This course provides a graduate-level introduction to important substantive and theoretical issues in the comparative study of Russian politics. The course is designed for students with no prior exposure to Russian politics. The readings and seminar discussions will focus on developing a substantive understanding of contemporary Russian politics while establishing its broader theoretical relevance in comparison to other regimes in the post-Soviet and post-communist world.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:  
Dates: January 27-February 2, 2014  
Hours: Mon-Fri; 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: December 29, 2013

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:  
Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahoma.bkstr.com. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day at (405)-325-7770. Representatives are available by phone at (405) 325-3511 or (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or E-mail at 0831mgr@fhcg.follett.com from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). (Text prices are available online.)

2. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu: enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

Course Objectives:
This course combines lecture and discussion. It aims to facilitate students’ ability to understand and analyze key dimensions of contemporary Russian politics.

Course Outline:

I. Collapse of the Soviet Union
II. Market Transition and Rise of the Petrostate
III. Political Culture, Civil Society, and Nationalism
IV. Foreign Policy Process and Challenges
V. Leadership and Elections
VI. Regime Type and Autocratization

Course Schedule

1. Collapse of the Soviet Union
   a. Kotkin, Armageddon Averted (Ch.s 1-4)
2. Market Transition and Rise of the Petrostate
   a. Kotkin, Armageddon Averted (Ch. 5) - skim
   c. Goldman, Petrostate (Ch.s 5-7, pp.93-209)
3. Political Culture, Civil Society, and Nationalism
4. Foreign Policy Process and Challenges
   c. Tsygankov, Andrei P. "Assessing Cultural and Regime-Based Explanations of Russia's Foreign Policy. ‘Authoritarian at Heart and Expansionist by Habit’?" Europe-Asia Studies 64, no. 4 (2012): 695-713.

5. Leadership and Elections
a. Kotkin, Armageddon Averted (Ch. 6) – skim.

6. Regime Type, Autocratization, and Political Change

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:
Material for each session should be read prior to class meetings. Materials should be read in the order listed. Students are encouraged to start reading early. In addition to the readings and seminar participation (20%), there are three written assignments for this course: two short essays (20% each) and one long essay (40%).

1. The first assignment will be a short essay (1200-1500 words) comparing the different explanations for the collapse of the USSR in the readings by Kotkin and Dallin and their implications for how politics would develop in post-Soviet Russia. Please note: The first assignment is due one week prior to the start of the first class. A sample essay will be posted on D2L to use as a guide for style.

2. The second assignment will be a short essay (1200-1500 words) to be completed during the week of class. The essay will involve reviewing and assessing select readings (two or three articles). The readings will be divided among the students once enrollment is set and assignments will be posted prior to the start of the class. Each essay will be due prior to the start of class for the assigned day.

3. The third assignment will be a long essay (3000-5000 words) that will be due two weeks after the end of class. Note that the long essay requires substantial research beyond the course materials. The exact topic will be assigned on the last day of the seminar.

Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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<tr>
<td>Class Participation</td>
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<td>First Short Essay</td>
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Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended and the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement;
- assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity.

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

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Education

• 2005 D.Phil., Politics, University of Oxford
• 1999 MA, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
• 1997 M.Phil., Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford
• 1995 BA, Plan II, University of Texas-Austin

Current Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 2012-present

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

PSC 5603 Russian Politics in Comparative Perspective

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

• Nationalism and regionalism
• Hybrid and authoritarian regimes
• Post-Soviet and Russian politics.

Representative Publications and Presentations


Representative Honors and Awards Received

• Faculty Enrichment Grants, University of Oklahoma, 2007-2012.
• Faculty Senate Development Award, University of Oklahoma, 2007, 2010.
• Presidential International Travel Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 2009.
• Presidential Dream Course, University of Oklahoma, 2008.
• Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship, 2008-9.
• Elliott Bursary, University of Oxford, 2002-3.
• Politics Department Bursary, University of Oxford, 2002.

Major Professional Affiliations

• American Political Science Association
• Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
• Association for the Study of Nationalities
• British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies
• International Political Science Association
• Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia)