



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Ukraine: A Transimperial History from King Danilo to President Zelensky - 26132

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Russian and Slavic Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive historical framework to enhance their understanding of the complex political, social, and cultural events shaping contemporary Ukraine. By exploring Ukraine's transimperial past, students will gain insights into the broader context of Eastern European history and how past empires, geopolitical shifts, and cultural exchanges have influenced the region's present-day dynamics.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- By the end of the course, students will be able to
- Demonstrate knowledge of key events, figures, and processes in the history of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.
 - Understand the historical stages of Ukraine's territorial, political, and cultural development, from medieval times to the modern era.
 - Analyze the various imperial and national influences on the formation of Ukrainian identity and statehood.
 - Identify and explain the connections between Ukraine's historical experiences and current geopolitical challenges in Eastern Europe.
 - Engage critically with primary and secondary sources related to the history of Ukraine, developing skills in historical analysis and interpretation.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The course will feature guest lectures by experts, including Dr. Judith Kalik, Dr. Samuel Barnai, and Prof. Zeev Khanin.

Course/Module Content:

During most of its history Ukraine was divided between several large political entities ("empires"). Nonetheless, the sense of a "trans-imperial" Ukrainian ethno-cultural unity also emerged. The case of Ukraine will be presented in the course as

key study in a global perspective of formation of national identities in divided countries.

Required Reading:

Selected chapters from:

Subtelny, O., *Ukraine: A History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press; 2009)

Magocsi, P. R., *A History of Ukraine: the land and its peoples* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2010)

Applebaum, A., *Red famine: Stalin's war on Ukraine* (New York: Doubleday, 2017)

Wilson, Andrew. "Ukrainian Politics since Independence." *Ukraine and Russia: People, Politics, Propaganda and Perspectives*. Edited by Agneshka Pikulska & Richard Sakwa. Bristol (UK): E-international Relations, 2015: 101 - 109.

Korostelina, Karina V. "Ukraine twenty years after independence: Concept models of the society". *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* (2013) no. 46 (1): 53-64

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 50 %

Additional information: