

Fall 2011

GEOG 485/685

Russia

TTh 11 – 12:15

MS 227

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MS 326

Office hours: by appointment

Course Readings:

As assigned --

Course Requirements:

Exams (2) @ 100	200
Sense of Place exercise	100
Participation	100
Total	400 pts

Week	Date	Topic	Assignments/Readings
1	Aug 30 Sep 01	Introduction	<i>TBA</i>
2	06 08	“Sense of Russia” in literature & film	
3	13 15	Physical Geography	
4	20 22	Culture Regions	
Week of Sep 27 – 29		No class: APCG	
5	Oct 04 06	Historical: Russia	
6	11 13	Historical: Soviet Union	
7	18	Post-Soviet Russia	<i>Sense of Place exercise, due Nov 17th</i>
8	20	Exam # 1	
9	25 27	Political & Economic Geography	
10	Nov 01 03	Population & Ethnic Geography	
11	08 10	Urban Geography & the Settlement System	
12	15 17	A Day in the Life of ...	<i>Sense of Place exercise due</i>
Week of Nov 22 – 24		No class: Happy Thanksgiving	
13	29	Siberia	
14	Dec 01 06		
	Dec 15th	Exam # 2	

The Course:

This course is designed to introduce you to the geography of RUSSIA – examining her history (traditionally, we refer to this nation-state as MOTHER RUSSIA), physical environment, politics, economics, settlement system, and social fabric. The course also includes a heavy dose of “sense of place,” particularly as conveyed through popular media – literature and film. The goal of this course is simple: to enable you to ask geographic/spatial questions, and to seek geographic/spatial explanations about the world’s largest country.

WebCampus:

The course syllabus, outline, readings, exercise, and grades are maintained on WebCampus. To contact the instructor, however, use regular e-mail: hausl@unr.edu.

Attendance & Details:

Attendance is mandatory. If you are unable to attend class, get notes from another student. Be forewarned that attendance is both taken and weighed. The use of electronic devices, i.e., cell phones, computers, etc., for non-classroom purposes is strictly prohibited. If caught, the first time, you will be asked to leave the classroom. The second offense will result in an *0 (as in less than an F) for participation*.

Readings:

There is no textbook for this course. Readings will be assigned and posted on WebCampus

Grading:

Grading is based on two *exams*, which cover my lectures and the readings, that total 200 points, or 50 percent of your grade; a Sense of Place *exercise*, worth 100 points, or 25 percent of your grade; and, participation, which accounts for the final 100 points and 25 percent of your grade. The *participation* grade begins with attendance; however, you will be expected to discuss and share your ideas about various topics, including the assigned readings, in class.

FERPA:

I cannot discuss your performance in this course via e-mail without your express written consent.

Disability Accommodations:

The Department of Geography is committed to equal opportunity in education for all students, including those with documented physical or learning disabilities. University policy states that it is the responsibility of students with documented disabilities to contact instructors during the first week of each semester to discuss appropriate accommodations to ensure equity in grading, classroom experiences, and outside assignments.

One final note:

One final note: plagiarism is a serious offense. Plagiarizing from an outside source or from a fellow student will result in an automatic F *for the course*.