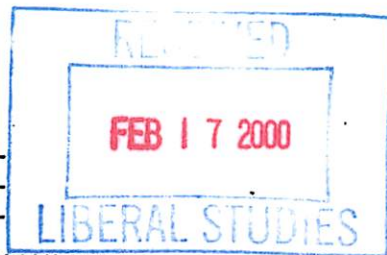


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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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II. PROPOSAL TYPE (Check All Appropriate Lines)

GE 254 COURSE

Russia & Eurasia

Suggested 20 character title

☐ New Course *

Course Number and Full Title

☒ Course Revision GE 254 Geography of Russia, Central Eurasia, and

Course Number and Full Title Eastern Europe

☐ Liberal Studies Approval +
for new or existing course

Course Number and Full Title

☐ Course Deletion

Course Number and Full Title

☒ Number and/or Title Change GE 254 Geography of Russia and the Soviet Sphere

Old Number and/or Full Old Title

GE 254 Geography of Russia, Central Eurasia, and Eastern Europe

New Number and/or Full New Title

☒ Course or Catalog Description Change GE 254 Geography of Russia, Central

Course Number and Full Title Eurasia, and Eastern Europe

☐ PROGRAM: ☐ Major ☐ Minor ☐ Track

☐ New Program *

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New Program Name

III. Approvals (signatures and date)

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Department Chair

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College Curriculum Committee

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College Dean

+ Director of Liberal Studies (where applicable)

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GE 254: GEOGRAPHY OF RUSSIA, CENTRAL EURASIA, AND EASTERN EUROPE
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
3 credits, 3 lecture hours

I. Catalog Description:

Prerequisites: none

Examines the Russian Federation, former Soviet satellites of Europe, and new nations emerging from the Imperial and Soviet eras. Topics include population patterns, distribution of cultures, economic regions, urban form, geo-strategic issues, location of natural resources, and types of physical environments. These are studied in the context of environmental location and position between Eastern and Western power centers of the 21st century.

II. Course Objectives:

1. Learn to realistically evaluate relations of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Eurasia with the Western realm led by the United States.
2. Establish the long term geographical context of current events.
3. Develop an understanding of landscapes, especially the human contributions that are the artifacts of cultural, economic, military, and political activities.
4. Cultivate familiarity with the concept of Eurasia within the field of global studies.

III. Detailed Course Outline:

TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
A. Introduction (1 hour) 1. Plan of the course 2. The changing society	
B. Concepts of Regional Geography (2 hours) 1. Regions as abstractions 2. Five Eurasian sub-regions	
C. Physical Geography (3 hours) 1. Terrain regions 2. Climate & environmental zones	Bater Ch. 1

DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE: continued

GE 254: Geography of Russia, Central Eurasia, and Eastern Europe

TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
D. Historical Geography (3 hours) 1. Emergence of the Russian empire 2. Feudalism and nascent industry 3. Soviet era politics and society	Bater Ch. 2
E. Twentieth Century Upheavals (4 hours) 1. Soviet economic structure 2. Soviet-era reforms 3. The second economy 4. Transition: sectors, privatization, monetary policy	Bater Ch. 3
F. Population (2 hours) 1. Demographic trends 2. Regional migrations	Bater Ch. 4
FIRST EXAM (1 hour)	
G. Settlement and Material Culture (3 hours) 1. Soviet urbanization: ideology and practice 2. East-West contrasts 3. Post-Soviet urban trends 4. Standard of living	Bater Ch. 5
H. Natural resource management (3 hours) 1. Ideology: possibilism, technology, and valuation 2. Miscalculations and problems	Bater Ch. 6
I. Agriculture (3 hours) 1. Physical basis 2. Farm types	Bater Ch. 7
J. Report topic selection & discussion (1 hour)	
K. Energy resources (3 hours) 1. Electricity 2. Coal 3. Petroleum and natural gas	Bater Ch. 8
SECOND EXAMINATION (1 hour)	

DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE: continued

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TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
L. Industrialization and regional development (3 hours) 1. Basic industry 2. Spatial allocation policies 3. Foreign investments and joint ventures	Bater Ch. 9
M. REPORTS (1 hour)	
N. Ethnicity: Politics & Conflict (3 hours) 1. Unity of the Russian Republic 2. Russia's "near abroad" 3. Rivalries within successor states and former satellites	Bater Ch. 11
O. Contemporary Eastern Europe (4 hours) 1. Physical setting 2. Boundaries and cities 3. Ethnicity and history 4. Political and economic transitions	Garnett Anderson, et al.
P. Conclusion: optimistic and pessimistic assessments (1 hour)	
Final Exam Period	THIRD EXAMINATION

EVALUATION: You will be evaluated on three examinations and a book review presented in two parts. The distribution of points for the course is as follows:

First Examination	120 points
Second Examination	120 points
Third Examination	120 points
Book Review--written	50 points
Book Reviews--discussion	<u>50 points</u>

TOTAL: 460 points

Examination questions are taken from lectures, reading assignments, and handouts. Each examination will cover approximately one-third of the course and consist of a variety of question formats. Some of the exams will include essay questions. The book review is your analysis of one of the optional readings, *Banking Sector Development* by Anderson et al. or *Keystone in the Arch* by Garnett. Students write a review and make a classroom presentation.

The final grade of the course is based on the following scale:

A	360 to 460 points
B	320 to 359 points
C	280 to 319 points
D	240 to 279 points
F	0 to 239 points

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Bater, James H. *Russia and the Post-Soviet Scene: A Geographical Perspective* London: Edward Arnold, 1996.

OPTIONAL READINGS:

Anderson, Ronald W.; Berglöf, Erik; and Mizsei, Kálmán. *Banking Sector Development in Central and Eastern Europe*. Forum Report of the Economic Policy Initiative no. 1. London: Center for Economic Policy Research, 1996.

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- Rugg, Dean S. *Eastern Europe*. The World's Landscapes Series. London: Longman, 1985.
- Simons, Thomas W., Jr. *Eastern Europe in the Postwar World*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1991.
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Palne Kovacs, Ilona. Chance of Local Interdependence in Hungary. Discussion Paper No. 6. Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Regional Studies, series editor Laszlo Hrubí, 1988.

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January 17, 2000

SUMMARY OF COURSE REVISIONS:

The course title is changed from "Geography of Russia and the Soviet Sphere" to "Geography of Russia, Central Eurasia, and Eastern Europe."

The catalog description is changed as indicated on the attached sheet.

The syllabus of record is modified to keep abreast of changes in the field and reflect updated readings. Copies of the old and new syllabi are attached.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CHANGE:

The new title and description are consistent with regional terminology recently established by the Association of American Geographers. Reference to the "Soviet sphere" in the old title is obsolete to current students, most of whom were less than 10 years old when the Soviet Union collapsed. Nevertheless, the territory of the Soviet empire shares the experience of economic and political transition from Communism and, before that, a cultural, economic, and political history decidedly different from that of Western Europe.

The established course framework emphasizes the distinct character of the region and develops the following themes. Late industrialization, persistence of serfdom and feudalism, predominance of Slavic, Turkic, and Finno-Ugric culture traits (especially languages), and climates that are more continental and less humid all help to distinguish the region from Western Europe. Active military conflicts in the Balkan Peninsula, Caucasus, and Central Asia provide contemporary challenges for the global community. Opportunities are presented by abundant natural resources, an educated populace, and cultural legacies that are rich as well as diverse. The purpose of this revision is to maintain this framework of themes but update the contents and present a title that students will recognize.

OLD SYLLABUS

GE 254: GEOGRAPHY OF RUSSIA AND THE SOVIET SPHERE
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
3 credits, 3 lecture hours

I. Catalog Description:

Prerequisites: none

Examines the Russian Republic and the former Soviet empire including the new nations emerging from the U.S.S.R. and former satellite nations. Settlement patterns, economics, cultures, and physical environments are studied. Contemporary topical emphasis is placed on efforts at transformation from communist to market economics and the geo-political status of the new nations.

II. Course Objectives:

1. Students will be able to realistically evaluate relations of Russia and the Soviet sphere of influence with the Western realm led by the United States.
2. Students will know the long term geographical context of current events.
3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of landscapes, especially the human contributions that are the artifacts of cultural, economic, military, and political activities.

III. Detailed Course Outline:

LECTURE TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
A. Introduction (1 hour)	
B. Concepts of Regional Geography (1 hour)	
C. Physical Geography (3 hours) 1. Terrain regions 2. Climate 3. Relationship to culture	Bater Ch. 1
D. Pre-Soviet history (6 hours) 1. Medieval migrations 2. Emergence of the Russian empire 3. Feudalism 4. Multi-nationalism and nationalism 5. Emergence of spatially fragmented culture groups	Bater Ch. 2

DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE: continued

LECTURE TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
E. The Soviet System (5 hours) 1. Administration 2. Economic and social policies	Bater Chs. 3 & 4
FIRST EXAM (1 hour)	
F. Natural resource management and agriculture (6 hours) 1. Small holdings 2. Collectivization 3. Possibilism	Bater Chs. 7, & 8
G. Urbanization: multi-national and socialist influences on form and function (6 hours)	Bater Ch. 5
SECOND EXAMINATION (1 hour)	
H. Industrialization and regional development (6 hours) 1. Basic industry 2. Spatial allocation policies 3. Foreign investments and joint ventures	Bater Ch. 9
I. Contemporary eastern Europe: the example of the Ukraine (6 hours) 1. De-industrialization 2. Nationalism 3. Political and economic transitions	Motyl
J. Conclusion: optimistic and pessimistic assessments	
Final Exam Period	THIRD EXAMINATION

EVALUATION: You will be evaluated on three examinations, a book review, and a mapping assignment. The distribution of points for the course is as follows:

First Examination	100 points
Second Examination	100 points
Third Examination	100 points
Book Review--written	50 points
Book Reviews--discussion	<u>50 points</u>

TOTAL: 400 points

Examination questions are taken from lectures, reading assignments, and handouts. Each examination will cover approximately one-third of the course and consist of a variety of question formats. Some of the exams will include essay questions. The book review is your analysis of the assigned reading, Dilemmas of Independence by Motyl. Students write a review of the book and lead a classroom discussion of one chapter.

The final grade of the course is based on the following scale:

A	360 to 400 points
B	320 to 359 points
C	280 to 319 points
D	240 to 279 points
F	0 to 239 points

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

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London: Edward Arnold, 1989.

Motyl, Alexander J. Dilemmas of Independence: Ukraine After
Totalitarianism. New York: Council on Foreign Relations Press,
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