

“RUSSIA IN THE WORLD”

Summer course at St. Petersburg, Russia

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Academic Credits: “Russia in the world” is a three (3) credit course taught in English *the St Petersburg State University in a former Smolny Monastery*. Total Class hour load at the School of International Relations in St. Petersburg, Russia is **32 hours** in two weeks; from Mondays to Thursdays. Some classes will take place outside the St. Petersburg State University campus.

Schedule: We arrive on Sunday and the classes start on Monday and continue through the weekend to the Saturday following when we return to Miami. On Saturday and Sunday a longer trip is scheduled - to Peterhoff and a visit to the Hermitage. Every weekday the classes start around 10am. Every day there is a different professor addressing different topic. In the evenings (and it is never dark in summer during the “white nights”) sightseeing, visits to St Petersburg city offices. There is a visit to the Imperial porcelain factory and to the Marinskii theatre.

Course Structure: There are two areas which we will cover before we get to Russia:

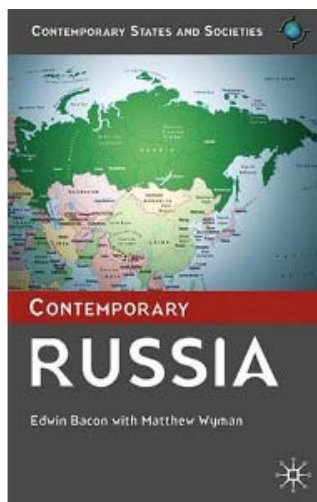
First part: the general background – Russian history, Soviet history. The materials for this part of the course: the general book on Russia (posted under “Readings”) and any materials for which links are be posted

Second part: each student will select a special topic. It does not matter if several of you will pick up the same theme. These will coincide with the topics of the Russian professors’ lectures. These are as follows:

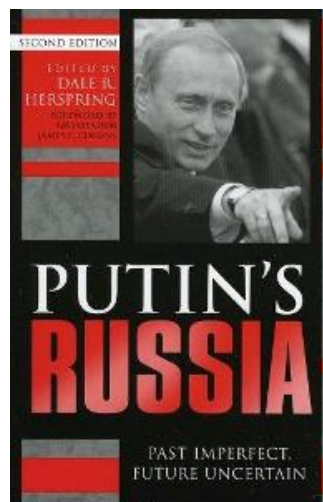
- ✓ Russian domestic politics– including press freedom or gender issue
- ✓ Russian economy
- ✓ US Russian relation – a subtopic could be chosen
- ✓ Russia and the West including Russian self-identity, its theories etc
- ✓ Russia and Islam – Chechen issue and relations to Islam countries including Middle East
- ✓ Russian relations to other parts of the world

Third part: Project due upon return to UM

Readings: Two books to purchase and read before departing:



Contemporary Russia
by Edwin Bacon, Matthew Wujman 2006
List Price: \$27.95
Availability: Usually ships within 24 hours.
Ships from and sold by Amazon.com.
[37 used & new](#) available from \$21.05



Putin's Russia: Past Imperfect, Future Uncertain,
Second Expanded Edition
(Paperback)
by Herspring Dale R. 2005
List Price: \$25.95