

UKRAINIAN CULTURE AND TEXT A & B

Ukrainian Culture and Text A will provide an introduction to Ukrainian culture through the study of a variety of texts and other media, including literature extracts, newspaper pieces, websites, visual material and film. Students will gain an overview of Ukrainian culture from Kyivan Rus' to the present, engendering an understanding of the culture of contemporary Ukraine. The course will examine some of the facets of Ukrainian culture, including history, language, literature, folklore, religion, learning, music, and art, and will place Ukrainian culture in the broader European context.

Ukrainian Culture and Text B complements the above taught component by giving students the opportunity to investigate particular topics in Ukrainian culture, and to develop and research their own interests in this field, through the preparation of a portfolio of coursework assignments. Whilst students are expected to work independently for this component, they are provided with teacher support through individual consultations.

The course is taken as an accompaniment to Ukrainian Language Level 1 or Ukrainian Language Level 2 by first-year students of Ukrainian and East European Studies (or Ukrainian and another language). Whilst no previous knowledge of Ukrainian is required or expected, students will begin to access straightforward Ukrainian texts as soon as they have acquired some Ukrainian through their language study.

PRELIMINARY READING

Hogan, E. (ed), *From Three Worlds. New Writing from Ukraine*, Boston, MA, 1996
Luchuk, O., M. Naydan (eds), *A Hundred Years of Youth. A Bilingual Anthology of 20th century Ukrainian Poetry*, Lviv, 2000
Reid, A., *Borderland. A Journey Through the History of Ukraine*, London, 1997
Yekelchyk, S., *Ukraine. Birth of a Modern Nation*, New York, 2007.

Students are also encouraged to refer to:

Kubijovyč, V., D. Husar Struk (eds), *Encyclopedia of Ukraine* (5 vols.), Toronto, 1984-1993

Title: Ukrainian Culture and Text A
Course Code: SEEU1002
Course-unit value: ½ cu

Title: Ukrainian Culture and Text B
Course Code: SEEU1003
Course-unit value: ½ cu

Availability: Annual

Open to: First-year students enrolled for degrees in Ukrainian and East European Studies or Ukrainian and another language.

Course leader: Marta Jenkala

Aims

- to provide an overview of the key elements of Ukrainian culture and its evolution through the study of texts, films and other visual materials
- to enhance understanding of the culture of contemporary Ukraine
- to engender in students an awareness of key issues relating to Ukrainian culture

Objectives

By the end of the course, students will have acquired:

- a basic understanding of the culture of contemporary Ukraine and its origins
 - an understanding of relevant cultural processes, such as the development of national consciousness and establishment of national symbols
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Teaching & Learning Methods

Topics are introduced by means of teacher presentations, illustrated by texts, films and other visual materials, to be followed by student presentations, both non-assessed (relating to topics covered in class) and formally assessed (in the case of Culture and Text B), which will form the basis for discussion, essays and coursework.

Number of Hours

Classes: 40 hours

Private study and coursework preparation: 160 hours

Assessment

Culture and Text A Examination:

A two-hour written paper requiring answers to four questions.

Culture and Text B Coursework:

A portfolio of coursework totalling 5,000 words (assignments to include a presentation, book review and essay), to be completed by agreed deadlines over the autumn and spring terms.

AFFILIATE STUDENTS

Affiliate students may take this course in either term or in both.

Assessment for students taking a one-term course will consist of two pieces of coursework.