Russia and the World

11 credits

MAIN CLASS
History Department 200
Russia and America in the 19th and 20th Centuries

LINKED CLASS
Political Science 140
Introduction to International Relations

LINKED CLASS
Slavic (Slavic Languages) 101
First Semester Russian

Russia occupies an important role on the international stage, and attaining a nuanced understanding of its past and present is critical to America’s future. This FIG will focus on Russia’s role in international politics and world affairs. It will provide you with the tools to investigate the connection between the Russian past and the Russian present, from both a humanities and a social-science perspective. You will be introduced to the broad field of International Relations and begin studying Russian language and culture, which will provide you with an important introduction to Russian area studies.

History 200: “Russia and America in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” will look at Russian and American engagement from the late nineteenth century through the present. It will focus on diplomatic relations, cultural relations, economic relations, and other forms of Russian and American engagement. Themes will include:
• Americans in the Bolshevik Revolution;
• Henry Ford in Russia;
• Soviet filmmakers in America;
• America’s response to the Stalinist terror;
• the Soviet portrayal of America’s “race problem”;
• Cold War politics and culture; • détente; and
• American responses to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

You will look at some of the historical reasons for anti-American sentiment in Russia and examine claims that we are now in the midst of a new Cold War. You will read memoirs, speeches, political position papers, and other (English-language and translated) primary sources. You will also look at key primary sources on the UW–Madison campus, including fascinating archival documents about American-Russian economic and cultural relations in the Wisconsin State Historical Society archive.

Political Science 140: “Introduction to International Relations” — Explore past and present patterns of political, social and technological change in terms of their contemporary and future implications for international relations.

Slavic 101: “First Semester Russian” — Speaking, listening, reading, and writing Russian, with an introduction to Russian culture. No previous knowledge of Russian expected.

main class instructor: Francine Hirsch
Enrolled in a FIG and you change your mind?

FIG classes are designed to be taken together. When you enroll in a FIG, you are signed up for these classes as a whole group, not as separate classes.

Dropping one FIG class means ending your enrollment in all of the classes in the FIG.

So, here's what you should know if you want to drop the FIG:

- You can drop all the classes on your own at enroll.wisc.edu. Any non-FIG class will not be affected.
- After classes begin, if you need to drop a single class within the FIG, please contact Kari Fernholz (see below) to review your situation. If necessary, she will provide the required authorization to drop the class.
- Wednesday, September 11, 2019 is the last day to drop a class without it appearing on your college transcript.
- Friday, September 13, 2019 is the last day to add a class without first getting department permission.

**History Department 200**

Russia and America in the 19th and 20th Centuries

LEC 3: F 11:00–12:55

- Humanities or Social Science
- Intermediate
- Honors Optional

credits: 3

class number: 63715

**Political Science 140**

Introduction to International Relations

LEC 1: MW 2:30–3:45 + DIS 309: W 11:00–11:50

- Social Science
- Elementary

credits: 4

class number: 45761

**Slavic (Slavic Languages) 101**

First Semester Russian

LEC 1: MTWRF 9:55–10:45

- Elementary

credits: 4

class number: 45595