

FREE TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE AS A PART OF REES/HIST/ART 241: HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE OF RUSSIA AND EASTERN EUROPE COURSE

We are delighted to announce that a popular course, *REES/ART/HIST 241: History, Art, and Culture of Russia and Eastern Europe* will be taught in Spring 2015. The course will be team taught by Professors Sanborn and Sinkevic. The course description is at the bottom of this message, but we are eager to introduce first and second year students in particular to the field of Russian and East European Studies. Moreover, thanks to the generous donation from the parent of a current student, we are able to offer a FREE trip to Eastern Europe in May as part of this course. Students will only have to pay for passport and visa fees and a few meals while in Russia. Keeping the course under budget will require us to limit the number of students taking the course, so students MUST get an instructor signature before enrolling in the course. All of this will be explained at an open house at 12:15 on Thursday, October 23rd, in Williams 108 where a free lunch will be provided.

ART/HIST/REES 241

History, Art, and Culture of Russia and Eastern Europe

Professors Sanborn and Sinkevic – Spring 2015– Tuesday 1:10–4:00

Course description:

This course introduces students to the major issues addressed by scholars of Russia and Eastern Europe in a number of different disciplines: history, art, literature, government, economics, religious studies, and music. Each week, we treat a different area of history, reading literature, viewing slides, listening to music, and discussing social and political developments. Students will read the great Russian writers, examine religious culture and architecture, and learn about life in Russia and Eastern Europe today.

Weekly Topics (all topics are TENTATIVE):

Week One - Slavic migrations and the geography of Russia and Eastern Europe (ca. 500-900)

Week Two - Christianization, Kiev, and Byzantium (ca. 900-1200)

Week Three - Living in the Mongol Empire (ca. 1200-1450)

Week Four – Holy Moscow (ca. 1450-1600)

Week Five – The Polish and Lithuanian Commonwealth (1569-1795)

Week Six – The Rise of the Russian Empire (ca. 1600-1700)

Week Seven – Imperial St. Petersburg (ca. 1700-1800)

Week Eight - Romanticism and the High Empire (ca. 1800-1850)

Week Nine – Realism and Life after Serfdom (ca. 1850-1900)

Week Ten - Eastern Europe in the “Springtime of Nations” (ca. 1815-1914)

Week Eleven - The avant-garde, war, and revolution (ca. 1890-1928)

Week Twelve – Stalinist Politics and Stalinist Art (ca. 1928-1953)

Week Thirteen - The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe during the Cold War

Week Fourteen – Life after Communism

**MAY 17 –25 TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE. COUNTRIES TO BE
DETERMINED SOON!!!**