SYLLABUS FOR 2019 MAYMESTER IN WARSAW, POLAND  
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“Security & Society in Central and Eastern Europe”

Course Credit: REE 335 - Soc Justice/Sec Policy-POL  
Potential cross-lists in: EUS, GOV

The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREEES) within The University of Texas at Austin’s (UT) College of Liberal Arts is offering a three-credit Maymester course offered in cooperation with Collegium Civitas of Warsaw, Poland. This course includes a Spring 2019 orientation component in Austin and a field study component in Poland from May 25-June 22, 2019. Students choose one of four potential topics on which to focus during their field study component in Warsaw, all within the broader theme of Central European Security and Politics.

The program exposes undergraduate students to Warsaw, Poland, and the broader Central and Eastern European region. It is ideal for students in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, but also students from International Relations and Global Studies, European Studies, Government, and other fields. Students gain an interdisciplinary familiarity with Central and Eastern Europe’s history, politics, and security challenges. But unlike many survey courses in study abroad programs, this Maymester allows students to engage deeply with a specific sub-field of their interest, developing a fuller understanding of their chosen topic.

During the 2019 spring semester, students meet with the UT faculty instructor every other week, to prepare for the in-depth courses offered in Warsaw. These preparatory sessions train students in some basic language, history, and travel skills, ensuring that they can undertake the coursework in Warsaw with confidence. In Warsaw, each student chooses to study one of four topics within the theme of Central European Security and Politics, all taught by experts in the field. The available courses are as follows (further details on each course are available in the Annex):

(a) Central and Eastern Europe: the Road to Democracy (INSTRUCTOR: Katarzyna Maniszewska)  
- This course offers an overview of the history of the transition from communism to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. We will study the history and development of the Polish Solidarity (SOLIDARNOŚĆ) movement that paved the way for the “Round Table” negotiations and the first partly free election of June 4, 1989 in Poland. We will take a look at the Czech Velvet Revolution and compare it to the violent revolution in Romania. We will explore the developments leading to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the German reunification of 1990. Together with experts, historians and witnesses to history we will discuss the collapse of the Soviet Union – political, economic and social factors.

(b) Security Issues and Central Europe (INSTRUCTOR: TBD)  
- This course offers a broad overview of the challenges faced by the countries of Central Europe, NATO, and the European Union. Conflicts with Russia will be discussed while examining the complex historical roots of these conflicts. We will discuss intelligence, hybrid war, cybersecurity, resource security, and the role that traditional and new media are playing in state security. We will debate what states need to do to bolster cybersecurity within their borders.

(c) Introduction to Cybersecurity Policy (INSTRUCTOR: Paulina Piasecka)  
- This course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity as a domestic and international policy issue; we will focus cybersecurity’s role in a functioning state rather than discuss the details of software and hardware in-depth. We will examine different dimensions of cybersecurity: inter-state, transnational, civil, economic, terrorism, espionage, corporate and individual. We will discuss contemporary cybersecurity strategy studies and related policies. Perhaps most importantly, we will discuss why the European Union, NATO, or other international organizations have failed to set an effective framework for combating cyberthreats.

(d) Crime and Punishment in Central and Eastern Europe (INSTRUCTOR: Anna Matczak)  
- This course will use a variety of perspectives and interactive tools to engage with a number of hotly debated criminological matters within socio-political and economic contexts. Poland will serve as a case study of how criminal justice operates in Central and Eastern Europe and will be contextualized against three distinctive periods in Polish history: under socialism/communism; in the transition period from 1989—2004; and after Poland joined the European Union in 2004.

Those students interested in learning Polish may also enroll (for no extra fee) in a language course during their stay in Warsaw. In addition, students have the option (for an additional fee) to further their professional interests by being placed in on-site internships in their field of specialization. These take place after the program is completed, and are eligible for additional UT credit through an affiliation agreement with the host institutions.
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LOGISTICS AND SCHEDULE

JANUARY-MAY IN AUSTIN
The Maymester course begins on January 28th. During the spring semester, students will meet regularly with Dr. Lorinc Redei to prepare for their study abroad experience. Class sessions will be held every other week, on Monday afternoons from 2:00-4:00pm. Assignments and grading policies are described in the course schedule and syllabus further below.

TRAVEL TO/FROM WARSAW
For the study abroad portion of your Maymester experience, you are expected to depart North America no later than Friday, 24 May 2019, in order to arrive in Warsaw by Saturday, 25 May. Orientation will take place on Sunday, 26 May, with courses beginning on Monday, 27 May. The program is set to end on Saturday, 22 June—you may travel back to the US on Sunday, 23 June or Monday, 24 June.

HOUSING IN WARSAW
Student accommodations in Warsaw will be in the Apartmenty Zgoda Warszawa by DeSilva on 6 Ul. Zgoda 00-018 Warsaw, Poland; telephone: +48 22 553 62 00 or +48 22 827 10 44; email: zgoda@dedilva.pl; website: http://www.desilva.pl/en/zgoda/hotel. You will share double rooms with an en suite toilet, shower, and kitchenette. The hotel is about 5 minutes’ walk from the Collegium, where classes are held. Your housing is guaranteed from Saturday, 25 May until Monday, 24 June.
SCHEDULE FOR IN COUNTRY FOUR WEEKS
Friday, 24 May: Students depart from the US
Saturday, 25 May: Students arrive in Warsaw
Sunday, 26 May: On-site Orientation meetings
Monday, 27 May-Friday, 14 June: In country course lectures
  • Each course meets weekday mornings for three weeks (for a total of 10 sessions: no class on excursion days)
  • Each course also organizes daily afternoon trips/events/extracurriculars on lecture days
Wednesday 5 June-Saturday, 8 June: Trip to Krakow
(Saturday, 15 June-Sunday 16 June: Possible Gdansk trip)
Monday, 17 June-Tuesday, 18 June: Course preparation for Berlin trip, Warsaw field trips to EU institutions
Wednesday, 19 June-Saturday, 22 June: Trip to Berlin
Sunday, 23 June: Turn in field journals to Dr. Redei
Sunday or Monday, 23 or 24 June: Students depart to US

TRIPS AND CULTURAL EXCURSIONS
Collegium Civitas will organize regular outings in Warsaw, such as walking tours, museum visits and cultural programs. In addition, Dr. Redei will organize educational excursions, film screenings, and seminars to allow for students completing different tracks to learn from each other. All these program elements are covered by the comprehensive program fee, and are mandatory: you will reflect on these experiences in your field journal.

TRIP TO KRAKOW
5-8 June, all UT students will travel to Krakow for a four-day trip. This trip is mandatory, and is covered by your program fee. The trip will include:
  • Train to Krakow and back
  • Walking tour of the city, including the Main Square, Royal Castle, Schindler’s Factory Museum, the Jewish quarter
  • Visit of Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps

TRIP TO BERLIN
19-22 June, all UT students will travel to Berlin for a four-day trip. This trip is mandatory, and is covered by your program fee. The trip will include:
  • Train to Berlin and back
  • Walking tour of the city, including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, Hitler’s Bunker, Holocaust Memorial, and the Berlin Wall
  • Visit to Checkpoint Charlie Museum and the Stasi Museum

COURSE SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS:
SPRING 2019 IN AUSTIN

PREPARATORY SESSIONS (8 IN TOTAL)
Where: TBD
When: Every OTHER Monday afternoon, 2:00-4:00pm
Dates: January 28th, February 11th and 25th, March 11th and 25th, April 8th and 22nd, May 6th
Attendance at all eight of these preparatory sessions is mandatory.
Topics, readings, and assignment due dates can be found below.

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<th>1. January 28:</th>
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Readings: (~40 pages)
  • Syllabus
  • Maymester website: https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/slavic/international-programs/poland-maymester.php
  • Warsaw “Security and Society in the Information Age” Summer School website: http://securityandsociety.org/summer-school/
Assignments to in country tracks/courses will be finalized by Friday, 1 February.

Reflection Paper 1 due Monday, 4 February, by midnight on Canvas.

II. February 11: Polish History 101, Part 1:

Readings: (~200 pages)

III. February 25: Polish History 101, Part 2:

Readings: (~120 pages)
  ➢ Reflection Paper 2 due Monday, 4 March, by midnight on Canvas.

IV. March 11: Cultural Training and Practical Tips for Warsaw

Prepare:
  • Your initial list of what you think you will want to bring to Warsaw with you.

V. March 25: Safety and Security Briefing, Travel Rules

Readings: (~20 pages)
  • UT International Office website on “Travel Safety 101,” (read all sections).
  ➢ Reflection Paper 3 due Monday, 1 April, by midnight on Canvas.
  ➢ Health clearance form due to SAO by April 1

VI. April 8: Contemporary Political Controversies in Poland

Readings: (~25 pages)
  • A few articles about major current events will be posted to Canvas two weeks before class.
  ➢ Reflection Paper 4 due Monday, 15 April, by midnight on Canvas.

VII. April 22: Polish Language 101: A Survival Guide

Prepare:
  • Sign up for Polish language app DuoLingo on your phone: keep using it for the next two months!

VIII. May 6: Last-Minute Briefing and Logistics before Departure

Readings: (~10 pages)
  • Check the Canvas site for any updates, or last minute announcements
  ➢ Overseas insurance fee ($19/week) due to SAO by May 15th
GRADES AND ASSIGNMENTS
Dr. Redei is responsible for issuing grades for UT students. Maymester grades are determined by (a) completion of one of the in-country courses in Warsaw, including attending lectures, completing readings, participating in discussions, and submitting assignments as laid out in the course descriptions (available in the Annex) (60%); (b) attendance and participation in preparatory sessions in Austin, including a few short writing assignments during the Spring 2019 semester (25%); (c) participation in extra-curricular trips in Poland (and Berlin), which are mandatory for all UT students, and submission of a field journal that connects these activities with the coursework you are pursuing (15%). Descriptions of the assignments can be found below, but more detailed prompts will be provided on Canvas.

Reflection paper 1: By Monday, February 4th, at midnight, you will submit a short (500-word) reflection paper on Canvas. This paper should explain why you are enrolled in this Maymester course, and what you hope to learn from it. Include as much detail as you can about specific knowledge/skills/experiences that you aim to glean from this study abroad program. Try to think of some standards by which you will be able to judge whether the program was a success, or how much you will benefit from it. I will ask you to re-read this paper at the end of the program. 5% of your grade.

Reflection paper 2: By Monday, March 4th, at midnight, you will submit a short (500-word) reflection paper on Canvas. This paper should identify a historical moment or theme from Polish history, and discuss how you expect it to play a role in Polish culture or politics today. How do you expect to encounter this historical phenomenon during your trip in Poland? What legacy do you think this history will have, and how will that be apparent? 5% of your grade.

Reflection paper 3: By Monday, April 1st, at midnight, you will submit a short (500-word) reflection paper on Canvas. This paper should be based on a piece of Polish pop culture of your own choosing: a novel, an album, a movie, a TV show, a video game, a play, a museum exhibit—the choice is up to you. The paper should explain what insights you have gained about Polish culture from your particular piece. 5% of your grade.

Reflection paper 4: By Monday, April 15th, at midnight, you will submit a short (500-word) reflection paper on Canvas. This paper should take two news articles from the last two weeks (i.e. from April 2019) about Poland, and connect them. You need to find the articles yourself, and they should be about different events. You should then explain how these two stories are linked and what current trends in Polish politics or culture are relevant to both articles. 5% of your grade.

Participation and Attendance at Preparatory Classes: Attendance at all eight preparatory sessions in Austin is mandatory. Your participation in the discussions during these sessions will also be evaluated. 5% of your grade.

Participation in Trips, Excursions, and Extracurriculars in Poland, Including Submission of a Field Journal: Once in country, you will be required to take part in certain trips and excursions (Krakow, Berlin, and several shorter trips within Warsaw). You will keep a hand-written field journal during the four weeks spent in country, taking notes and commenting on the extracurricular activities you engage in, and what you have learned from them. In addition, you will receive prompts for some more analytical entries, which will require that you think through the ways these experiences are building on your coursework and your study abroad experience. These prompts will be posted to Canvas, and the reflection papers will be turned in electronically. 15% of your grade.

Assignments for your chosen course in Warsaw (worth a total of 60% of your final grade)
For details, see the individual course syllabi in the Annex.

READINGS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, AND KEEPING UP WITH CURRENT EVENTS
You should acquire one book for the spring portion of the Maymester course: Jerzy Lukowski & Hubert Zawadzki: A Concise History of Poland, Cambridge University Press, 2006. All other readings for the spring preparatory sessions will be posted to Canvas. You need to print these documents yourself: you are required to have hard copies of your readings—and the notes you took on them—with you at every class session. To ensure active class participation by everyone, and to instill good note-taking practices, no electronic devices (laptops, tablets, e-readers, cell phones) are allowed in the classroom. For your in country courses, your instructors in Warsaw will determine classroom technology rules.

Any student interested in the politics and security of Central and Eastern Europe also needs to be informed about the world, so you should read a daily newspaper or news website on a regular basis. The Washington Post and The New York Times have fairly in-depth international sections, where you can find daily reports on world events. For a more regular dose of concise international news, I recommend the BBC News website, or a subscription to The Economist.
magazine. Whichever source you choose, I expect you to be up to date on major international current events—especially ones that are relevant to Poland and the Central and Eastern European region.

All communications regarding the class will be made via Canvas or via the email address you provide on the first day of class: please ensure that you have an email address that you check regularly linked to your Canvas profile. If your email address changes, please let me know immediately.

**ATTENDANCE, LATE SUBMISSIONS, AND PROOFREADING**

Attendance is required at all preparatory sessions and during all the lecture sections of your in country course. If for whatever reason you are unable to attend a class session, let Dr. Redei (and, if applicable, your in country instructor) know as soon as possible. You will be responsible for acquiring notes from a classmate and getting caught up on the material you missed. Absences will also impact your participation grade.

All late assignments are penalized one full grade for being late. Papers turned in more than 24 hours after the deadline are marked down by two grades, over 48 hours by 3 grades. Assignments that are more than three days late will not be accepted, and incur a grade of zero.

As UT students, you are expected to produce fluent and lucid writing. Please proofread your papers before submitting them, or ask a fellow student to do so. Any assignment with more than 3 spelling or grammar mistakes per page may be returned to you and incur a one-day late penalty.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HONOR CODE**

The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community. The University of Texas policy on scholastic dishonesty is: “Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.” You are responsible for knowing and understanding the University's policies on plagiarism, proper forms of attribution and citation, and rules on academic integrity. For further information, please visit the Student Judicial Services [website](https://www.utexas.edu/student/service/student judicial services).

**SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Any UT Austin student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact [Services for Students with Disabilities](https://www.ssdisc.edu) (SSD) at (512) 471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329-3986 (video phone).

**COURSE SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS:**

**MAY-JUNE 2019 IN WARSAW**

You will take one of the four in country courses that are offered in Warsaw. You will rank your preferences for each course in your application, and will be placed in one of the available courses depending on space availability—we will do our best to accommodate everyone’s preferences. The syllabi for each course are in the Annex. These courses meet for three weeks, with a lecture most weekday mornings, and an afternoon activity almost every weekday afternoon that you have a lecture. The deliverables for each course will be determined by each individual instructor.

In addition to your courses, you will be participating in a few excursions: a four-day trip to Krakow, a possible two-day trip to Gdansk, and a four-day trip to Berlin. These trips are mandatory for all UT students (and covered by your program fee). Several visits and activities will also be organized in Warsaw. These programs are mandatory, and you will be required to reflect on them in your field journal.

**INTERNSHIPS AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Students interested in staying in Warsaw longer than the Maymester program are able to apply for the second three-week series of courses taught at Collegium Civitas for an additional fee. Please contact [rstillings@sras.org](mailto:rstillings@sras.org) for details.
In addition, the program can place interested students in seven-week internships, which are related to the various topics of the second three-week series of courses in the program for an additional fee. Please contact rstillings@sras.org for details.

Academic credit can be received for such extensions of the study abroad experience through The University of Texas at Austin, if arrangements are made in advance. Contact Daniel Ach in the Study Abroad Office (INT 1.14): ach.dan@austin.utexas.edu for more information on this.

**CEE: The Road to Democracy**

This course offers an overview of the history of the transition from communism to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. We will study the history and development of the Polish Solidarity (SOLIDARNOŚĆ) movement that paved the way for the “Round Table” negotiations and the first partly free election of June 4, 1989 in Poland. We will take a look at the Czech Velvet Revolution and compare it to the violent revolution in Romania. We will explore the developments leading to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the German reunification of 1990. Together with experts, historians and witnesses to history we will discuss the collapse of the Soviet Union – political, economic and social factors.

More info coming soon!

**Security Issues and Central Europe**

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**Course Topics:**

- From Barbarossa to NATO – The Historical Role of Defense and Security in Central Europe
- Security in Central Europe: Who Calls the Shots?
- The EU and Central Europe: Past, Present and Future
- Regional Security Policies
- Security in Times of Asymmetric Threats
- Modern Terrorism – Strategies and Tools
- Information Conflict in the 21st Century
- War in the 21st Century
- The Issue of Migration
- Economic Security in the Region
**Introduction to Cybersecurity Policy**

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**Course Topics:**

- The Lexica of Cybersecurity
- Cyberspace Vulnerabilities and Cybersecurity Awareness
- The Dark Net – Individual, Corporate, and State Perspectives on Cybercrime and Cyber-violence
- From Cyberactivism to Cyberterrorism and (Cyber)terrorism
- The State in Cyberspace: Espionage, Sabotage and Cyberwar
- Disinformation and Propaganda
- Legislation
- The Corporate World: Staying Ahead of the Trend?
- The European Union and Cybersecurity
- Collective Cyberdefence? NATO and Cyberwar

**Crime and Punishment in Central/Eastern Europe**

This course will use a variety of perspectives and interactive tools to engage with a number of hotly debated criminological matters within socio-political and economic contexts. Poland will serve as a case study of how criminal justice operates in Central-Eastern Europe and will be contextualized against three distinctive periods in Polish history: under socialism / communism; in the transition period from 1989 – 2004; and after Poland joined the European Union in 2004. 6 ECTS (3 US semester credits)

**Course Topics:**

- Delineating Criminology
- Introducing the Polish Criminal Justice System
- Death Penalty
- Imprisonment
- Restorative Justice
- Women and Crime
- Drug Policy and Politics
- Media and Crime
- Police and Policing
- Crimmigration