SSCI 275: Introduction to Ukrainian Culture and History

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A. **TITLE:** Introduction to Ukrainian Culture and History

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** SSCI 275

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 Lecture Hours per Week for 15 Weeks

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** No

E. **GER CATEGORY:** 5

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall and Spring

G. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**
   In this course, students will be introduced to major aspects of Ukrainian culture and history. Cultural topics related to family, religion, population demographics, government, arts, music, literature, and education will be included. Contemporary life in Ukraine and the broad sweep of historical forces contributing to today’s culture will be the focus of the course. Historical events in Ukraine will be discussed, such as the “Orange Revolution” and the Crisis in Ukraine. Ukraine gained its independence in 1991 and is fiercely proud of this independence from the Soviet Union.

H. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**
   a. Pre-requisite(s): ENGL 101

I. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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<td>a. Understand the history of Ukraine and major historical events leading to independence from the Soviet Union.</td>
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<td>b. Understand the governmental structure, political, economic and educational systems of Ukraine.</td>
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<td>c. Discuss and compare Ukraine and U.S. cultures relating to family, religion, population and demographics.</td>
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<td>d. Gain and understanding and appreciation for the Ukraine culture including art, music, and literature.</td>
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**GER 5**
1. Knowledge of the development of the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, culture, etc., of Western Civilization.
2. Relate the development of Western Civilization to that of other regions of the world.

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<td>Communication Skills Oral [O], Written [W]</td>
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<td>Critical Thinking Critical Analysis [CA], Inquiry &amp; Analysis [IA], Problem Solving [PS]</td>
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<td>Foundational Skills Information Management [IM], Quantitative Lit, /Reasoning [QTR]</td>
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<td>Social Responsibility Ethical Reasoning [ER], Global Learning [GL], Intercultural Knowledge [IK], Teamwork [T]</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Industry, Professional, Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills</td>
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J. **APPLIED LEARNING COMPONENT:** No

K. **TEXTS:** To be determined by instructor

L. **REFERENCES:** To be determined by instructor

M. **EQUIPMENT:** Technology Enhanced Classroom

N. **GRADING METHOD:** A- F

O. **SUGGESTED MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**
   To be determined by instructor
   Quizzes / Exams, Assignments, Participation, Final Project

P. **DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:**
   I. Geography
   
   II. History
   a. Ancient Times - 1711
   b. 18th – 19th Centuries
   c. 1900 – 1939
   d. 1939 – 1982
   e. Rebuilding. Independence
   f. Conflict in Ukraine
   
   III. Contemporary Life
   a. Political System
   b. Education System
   c. International Relations
   
   IV. Population
   
   V. Culture
   a. Holidays and Traditions
   b. Ukrainian Music
   c. Art in Ukraine
   d. Literature