Course Description
In this course, we will discuss Russian politics, covering the major economic and political trends from the 1990s to the present. We will talk about the challenges of the post-communist transition to the market, corruption and the oligarchs, the law and political institutions in Russia, Putin, the Putin era, public opinion, and what to pay attention to in 2024 when Russia will have its’ next presidential election.

Course Schedule

Lecture 1: Why study Russian politics? What is Russia’s role in the world today?


Lecture 2: Post-Communist Transitions—Democracy & the Market


Lecture 3: Corruption & the Oligarchs


Lecture 4: The Law & Political Institutions in Russia


Lecture 5: Putin & the Putin Era

Lecture 6: Public Opinion in Russia


Lecture 7: What will happen in 2024?!?

Lecture 8
Written Exam