

Russian and Slavonic Studies

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	Culture, Society, and Contemporary Issues in Poland and Ukraine
Code	RUU11091
Semester	1
ECTS credits	10
Module Coordinator	Contact Inbound Russian/Slavonic Study Abroad Coordinator.

Module Content

This module offers an interdisciplinary introduction to Poland and Ukraine through the lenses of culture, society, and contemporary issues. It explores shared and contested histories, cultural heritage, memory, and processes of social change, with particular attention to how historical legacies continue to shape identities, public discourse, and relations between the two countries. These legacies include imperial rule, nationalism, war, communism, and post-socialist transformation, as well as recent geopolitical developments affecting the region within a broader European context.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

- Identify key moments in the shared history of Poland and Ukraine and explain their long-term significance
- Analyse cultural heritage, memory, and identity as sites of dialogue and conflict
- Understand the impact of imperialism, nationalism, and communism on Polish–Ukrainian relations
- Compare Polish and Ukrainian experiences of socialism and post-socialist transition
- Discuss contemporary political, social, and cultural relations between Poland and Ukraine
- Engage critically with primary and secondary sources, including film, literature, museums, and media
- Communicate ideas clearly in written and oral formats using appropriate academic conventions

Assessments

- Continuous Assessment (20%)
- Presentation (20%)
- Essay (60%)