

Central Eurasian Studies

Seminar in Turkish Studies

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This seminar is designed to provide graduate students of Turkish Studies in the Department of Central Eurasian Studies with a general introduction to what is referred to as Turkology, focusing on its major scholarly figures, theories, secondary and especially primary sources. The class assumes that graduate students are already fluent in Modern Turkish and competent in reading Ottoman texts in the Arabic alphabet. However, some new scripts, such as Cyrillic and Runic, will be introduced to help students in their research on Turkish/Turkic Studies. Students will be exposed to some of the major theoretical discussions on comparative Turkic and will learn to decipher some significant classical texts in Old Turkic, Karakhanid, Kharezm, Chaghatay, Classical Ottoman and other Turkish/Turkic literary languages.

THE PRIMARY TEXTBOOK FOR THE SEMINAR:

Turkish Literature and Philology Reader (473 pages) prepared by the instructor. (The *Reader* includes the scholarly articles which will be covered in class, materials for “critical summaries,” “final project text,” and facsimiles of the literary texts which will be read and analyzed in class.)

YOUR GRADE WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Attendance and Class Participation: 20%

This includes preparation of the reading materials and classroom presentations.

Two short article summaries: 10% each

Short Assignments and Exercises: 10%

Final Exam: 30%

Final Project: 20%