



SLST 481 x ENSH 340D: Existence and Anxiety in Dostoevsky (1.5 units) Fall 2025 – University of Victoria



Dostoevsky Day 2013

<https://russianlandmarks.wordpress.com/2014/05/05/fyodor-dostoevsky-on-the-moika-st-petersburg/>

Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 12:30pm until 1:20pm

Prerequisites

none

Description

In this course we will ponder Dostoevsky's "accursed questions" about nationality, meaning, and existence through readings of the novellas *The Double* and *White Nights*; as well as the short novel *Notes from Underground* and an excerpt from his mature masterpiece *Brothers Karamazov*. Students will be introduced to theoretical approaches to Dostoevsky's works. All of our texts are in English translation.

Textbooks

- *The Best Short Stories of Fyodor Dostoevsky* (Random House, 2001)
- *The Double and The Gambler* (Random House, 2005)



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