

HIST 325
HISTORY OF RUSSIA
SYLLABUS / SPRING 2024



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Class Hours: **Monday, 14:00-17:00**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for undergraduate students to give a historical perspective about Russian history, from 9th to 20th centuries. It focuses selectively on some vital issues in Russian history, such as Viking raids, Golden Horde, Kiev and Novgorod state formations, the emergence of Romanov dynasty and the seventeenth century confusion period and Peter the Great's "revolution from above", Russia's enormous territorial growth and its multiethnic composition in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, World War I and the fall of the Russian Empire in 1917, Stalin's repressive regime, Soviet nations in World War II, and the collapse of the Soviet Empire. The lectures are designed chronologically and, in some occasions, thematically. The major Russian history readers will be presented as weekly readings. The selected parts from these books will be discussed upon a lecture in the class.

REQUIREMENTS

- **A. Quizzes (30 pts):** There will be 3 quizzes, each 10 pts. (For better performance in the quizzes you should complete your readings before the class hour. **Quizzes are composed of multiple-choice questions.**
- **B. Midterm Exam (20 pts):** Two essay questions and one map question.
- **C. Digest Essay (15 pts):** Two response papers.

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- **D. Final Exam (35 pts):** Three essay questions and one map question.

Plagiarism: Unacknowledged use of other people’s ideas, words or research without proper credit constitutes plagiarism, and will result in an automatic “F” for both the assignment and the course. When unsure, consult the instructor.

ATTENDANCE: As this course is a *lecture*, attendance is mandatory. Three unexcused absences will fail you in this lecture!

(All readings are uploaded on the virtual classroom of *MS TEAMS*.)

All weekly readings have been selected from these books:

Barker A., Grant B. . *The Russia Reader, History, Culture, Politics*, Duke University Press, 2010.

Bushkovitch, Paul. *A Concise History of Russia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Evtuhov, Catherine, David Goldfrank, Lindsey Hughes, and Richard Stites. *A History of Russia: Peoples, Legends, Events, Forces*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004.

Hosking, Geoffrey. *Russia and the Russians From Earliest Times to 2001*. London: Penguin Books, 2002.

Magocsi, Robert. *Ukraine, An Illustrated History*, Toronto University Press, 2007.

SCHEDULE

You should make the readings weekly! The quizzes and the exams will be giving references to those readings, and you are responsible to have knowledge about the details in texts.

19/02/2024: Week 1: Introduction: Russia, A vast and cold country

General introduction for the course

26/02/2024: Week 2: Slavs, Vikings, Byzantine Empire and Early Russian States

- Geography of Russia; Climate of Russia; Reading Maps of Russia.
- G. Hosking, *Russia and the Russians*, “Introduction”, pp. 1-26. P. Bushkovitch, *A Concise History of Russia*, “Russia before Russia”. (Chapter I)
- Ian Barnes, *Restless Empire*, pp. 6-15.
- Robert Mogocsi, *Ukraine*, pp. 21-45.
- Source: *Russian Reader*, pp. 13-15; 61-80.

04/03/2024: Week 3: Early Moscow, Mongolian Yoke

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 27-82. - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, Chapters 4-5, pp. 56-97 - Ian Barnes, <i>Restless Empire</i>, pp. 16-21. - Source: <i>Russian Reader</i>, pp. 31-40.
<p>11/03/2024: Week 4: Ivan the Terrible and 16th century Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sergey Bogatyrev, “Ivan IV”, <i>The Cambridge History of Russia</i>, Vol. 1, pp. 240-263. - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 83-128. - Robert Mogocsi, <i>Ukraine</i>, pp. 47-60. - Source: <i>Russian Reader</i>, pp. 85-96.
<p>18/03/2024: Week 5: Digest and Reading</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Three books will be advised. Choose one of them. Read the book and write a response paper about this book, including the topics and reading material of the previous weeks.</p>
<p>25/03/2024: Week 6: <i>Smuta</i> and Rise of Romanovs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Barnes, <i>Restless Empire</i>, pp. 38-41. - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 131-174 - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, Chapter 8, pp. 139-159.
<p>01/04/2024: Week 7: The 17th Century Russia: Crisis, Struggle and Emergence of A Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robert O. Crummey, “The Orthodox Church and the Schism”, in <i>Cambridge History of Russia</i>, v. I, pp. 618-639. - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, Chapter 9-10, pp. 160-202. - Walter G. Moss, <i>A history of Russia</i>, vol. 1, pp. 146-159.
<p>Week8: Midterm: 15/04/2024</p>
<p>22/04/2024: Week 9: Tsar Petro Europeanization of Russia: St Petersburg, New Russian Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robert Mogocsi, <i>Ukraine</i>, pp. 81-106. - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 175-210. - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, Chapter 11-12, pp. 203-224. - Source: <i>Russian Reader</i>, pp. 97-109.
<p>29/04/2024: Week 10: Europeanization of Russia: St Petersburg, New Russian Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lindsey Hughes “Russian culture in the eighteenth century”, <i>Cambridge History of Russia</i> v. ii, pp. 67-91. - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, Chapter 11-12, pp. 225-289.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nancy Shields Kollman, <i>The Russian Empire 1450-1801</i>, Oxford University Press, pp. 267-295; 396-409.
<p>06/05/2024: Week 11: The 18th century: Age of Empresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P. Bushkovitch, <i>A Concise History of Russia</i>, Chapter 6. - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 213-244. - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, Chapter 15, pp. 290-309. - Source: <i>Russian Reader</i>, pp. 110-114.
<p>13/05/2024: Week 12: Reading and Digest</p> <p>Three books will be advised. Choose one of them. Read the book and write a response paper about this book, including the topics and reading material of the previous weeks.</p>
<p>20/05/2024: Week 13: Age of Revolutions: Napoleon and Russia (1789-1812)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 245-319. - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, pp. 310-346. - Walter G. Moss, <i>A history of Russia</i>, vol. 1, pp. 400-421. - Source: <i>Russian Reader</i>, pp. 115-127.
<p>27/05/2024: Week 14: The 19th Century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C. Evtuhov and others., <i>A History of Russia</i>, pp. 347-387. - Ian Barnes, <i>Restless Empire</i>, pp. 70-91. - Source: <i>Russian Reader</i>, pp. 16-30.
<p>03/06/2024: Week 15: Revolutions and the collapse of Tsardom (1905-1923)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G. Hosking, <i>Russia and the Russians</i>, pp. 355-426. - P. Bushkovitch, <i>A Concise History of Russia</i>, Chapters 16, 17 and 18.