

RUSSIA IN THE MODERN ERA

History 4333/5353
2:00-3:15 M/W, SH 208

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: A history of Russia and the Soviet State with an emphasis upon the 19th and 20th centuries. Course traces the decline and fall of Imperial Russia in the 19th century, the Soviet regime, and the post-Soviet era.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Required Text: M.K. Dziewanowski, *Russia in the Twentieth Century*

Supplemental Reading/Writing: Students will select a book which falls within the scope and nature of this course and prepare a critical book review utilizing the "Book Review Guidelines" (available on the instructor's web site). Book reviewed must be a secondary source— not a primary source, edited work, multi-author compilation, or general survey. The book must contain a bibliography and/or footnotes showing references. *NOTE:* your book must be approved by the instructor by mid-semester before proceeding with the review. *DUE DATE:* day of Final Exam.

Bibliography: A selective bibliography of relevant books available in the NSU Library is available (on the instructor's web site) for this course. This bibliography will aid in selecting a book for review.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: There will be three tests during the semester, each of which will include the subjects covered since the preceding exam. Grades for the course are determined by tests (100 points each), written assignments (book review/paper), and class participation/attendance. Books reviews are worth 50% of a test grade. Class participation/attendance can earn a student up to 10 additional points toward the final grade. The last date to drop this course with an automatic "W" grade is Nov 10.

ADA: If any member of the class feels that he/she has a disability and needs special accommodations please advise the instructor of such disability at the first class attended.

COURSE OUTLINE: Students are expected to read the assigned text material according to the outline below prior to discussion of the topic in class. Numbers within parentheses are pages in text.

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| Aug 21 | Introduction & Geography of Russia (1-23) |
| Aug 23 | The 19 th Century Romanov Rulers (23-31)
Alexander I: 1801-1825
Nicholas I & Reaction
Alexander II: 1855-81 |
| Aug 30 | Rise of Revolutionary Movements in the 19th century (31-40) |
| Sep 6 | Expansion of Russia in the 19th Century & Relations with Europe (42-52) |
| Sep 13 | Twilight of Imperial Russia: 1881-1914 (46-47; 52-70) |
| Sep 18 | The World War & the Revolution of 1917 (72-90) |
| SEP 27 | FIRST TEST |
| Oct 2 | Lenin & the Soviet State: 1918-23 (91-130; 144-53) |
| Oct 4 | The Stalin Era: 1924-40 (155-64; 166-208) |

Oct 9	Relations with Europe & Asia between the Wars (132-42; 164-66; 209-38)
Oct 11	"The Great Patriotic War" (239-62)
Oct 16	Stalin--The Last Phase: 1945-53 (264-69; 284-87)
Oct 18	Collective Leadership & the Khrushchev Era: 1953-1964 (288-312; 321-28).
Oct 23	Post-War Foreign Policy (269-82; 313-21; 336-48)
Oct 25	Social Structure during the Soviet Era
NOV 1	SECOND TEST
Nov 6	The Aging System: Brezhnev & Beyond: 1964-85 (330-36; 348-51)
Nov 13	The "Gorbachev Revolution": 1985-90 (351-69)
Nov 20	Collapse of the Soviet Union: 1991 (371-81)
Nov 29	Russia & the Commonwealth: 1992 to present (382-95)
DEC 11	FINAL EXAM (1:00-2:20)