

History 329, Section 001
Modern Russia and The Soviet Union
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Enterprise 276

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Aug. 30 Introduction to course; Land and People
Sept. 1 Russia's heritage
Sept. 6 Russian Society and the Era of the Great Reforms
Sept. 8 Dilemmas of Modernization and Industrialization (Sholokhov, 3-186)
Sept.13 Development of the Revolutionary Movement
Sept 15 1904-1906: war & revolution.
Sept 20 1907-1917: partial reform & war (Sholokhov, 187-328)
Sept 22 FIRST QUIZ
Sept 27 The Russian Revolution of 1917 (Sholokhov, 329-413)
Sept 29 The Bolsheviks come to Power
Oct. 4 The Civil War (Sholokhov, 415-end)
Oct. 6 Establishment of the Soviet State and Struggles of the 1920 (Aksyonov, 1-118)
Oct. 11 Columbus Day Break
Oct. 13 The Stalin Revolution (Aksyonov, 118-176)
Oct. 18 Soviet Foreign policy to World War II
Oct. 20 MID-TERM EXAM
Oct. 25 The Soviet Political System, I - Party and State (Volodina; Aksyonov, 177-349)
Oct. 27 The Soviet Political System, II - Terror and Legality (Aksyonov, to end)
Nov. 1 The Soviet Economic System – I
Nov. 3 The Soviet Economic System – II
Nov. 8 Soviet Society - I (Volodina)
Nov. 10 SECOND QUIZ
Nov. 15 Soviet Society - II (Baranskaia, Sorokin)
Nov. 17 TBA
Nov. 22 Soviet Society - III (Polevoi)
Nov. 24 – THANKSGIVING
Nov. 29 Khrushchev and Brezhnev: Reform, Prosperity, Stagnation - I
Dec. 1 Khrushchev and Brezhnev: Reform, Prosperity, Stagnation – II (PAPERS DUE)
Dec. 6 The Gorbachev Era: Reform and Disintegration
Dec. 8 After the Soviet Union: The Search for Identity and a Future

Dec 15 FINAL EXAM – 9:00

READINGS - Books and electronic reserve items articles are to be read by the time indicated on the lecture outline and are included on exams, and form the basis for your term paper.

Mikhail Sholokhov, And Quiet Flows the Don.

Vassily Aksyonov, Generations of Winter.

Short stories, – Polevoi, “His Bit”

– Volodina, “Election Day”

-- Sorokin, “The Queue”

-- Baranskaia (Baranskaya), “A Week Like Any Other”

The short stories are on Electronic Reserve under HIST 329. Access to Electronic Reserve requires a password, which is: russia Do not use spaces or caps.

No “textbook” is assigned. If you wish to have a standard text to read, good ones, easily located online, are by Nicholas Riasanovsky and Mark Steinberg, by Catherine Evtuhov and Richard Stites, and by Walter Moss.

GRADES: Mid-term and Final Exams--30% each; two quizzes--15% each ; Paper--10%.

OFFICE HOURS: Immediately after class and by appointment.

DIABILITIES: If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 703-993-2474; <http://ods.gmu.edu>

TERM PAPER: Two novels and shorter pieces have been assigned. Using them as your sources, write a paper discussing what they tell us about family structures and social values in Russia and the Soviet Union, including change over time. Both novels must be discussed and discussion of the short stories is desirable. Length 1,500-2,000 words.

Papers must be typed, double-spaced, paginated, and stapled, and with your name. Proofread for grammar, clarity, typos, etc. If you know that you have problems in writing, consult the Writing Center early in the semester—it is your last chance to get free counseling on what is a very important skill in life. Contact: WRITING CENTER: A114 Robinson Hall; (703) 993-1200; <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu>

Plagiarism: It is assumed that all written work submitted is entirely your own. If you obtain ideas, data, phrases, etc. from elsewhere, you must cite the source. Given the nature of the paper to be written in this course, there is no expectation that you will use sources other than those books and stories assigned, nor is there any reason for doing so. Plagiarism will be taken seriously and result either in an F on the paper (for very minor infractions) or an F for the course (for most infractions). Be safe: do the readings and don’t consult outside sources, web or other.

COMPUTERS AND CELL PHONES: Computers may be used for note-taking. Use of them for other purposes, and any use of cell-phones or similar devices, will result in the item being confiscated on the spot, to be reclaimed later in my office. It may lead to expulsion from class.

EMAIL: make sure that you can receive email via your official GMU account.