

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:												
HY 3040 HISTORY OF RUSSIA TO 1900 (Updated Fall 2025)		UK LEVEL: 5 UK Credits: 15 US CREDITS: 3/0/3										
PREREQUISITES:	N/A											
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	A broad survey beginning with medieval Russia; concentration on the rise of Muscovy, Peter the Great, and developments leading to the Revolution of 1905.											
RATIONALE:	The political, economic and cultural impact of pre-revolutionary Russia upon the world was enormous. There have been many comparisons made between the pre-1917 Russia and the former USSR and a study of the former is absolutely necessary for an understanding of the latter.											
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to: 1. Demonstrate a general factual knowledge of the evolution of the Russian state from its origins to 1900. 2. Examine the various phases of Russian national development, including its transition from a serf to a capitalist society in pre-revolutionary Russia. 3. Evaluate the impact of geography, religion, Mongol domination and contact with the West. 4. Analyze the various revolutionary movements and ideologies, including socialism, anarchism and Marxism.											
METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lectures and class discussions on secondary material and some primary sources• Office hours held by the instructor to provide further assistance to students.• Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams.• Use of the Blackboard site to further support communication, by posting lecture notes, assignment instruction, timely announcements, formative quizzes and online submission of assignments.											
ASSESSMENT:	<div>Summative:<table><tr><td>1st assessment: Group project</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>2nd assessment: Term Paper (2,500 words)</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>Final assessment: Final examination (essay-type questions with choice involved)</td><td>40%</td></tr></table></div> <div>Formative:<table><tr><td>Active participation in class discussions</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Annotated bibliography and draft paper</td><td>0%</td></tr></table></div> <div>The 1st summative assessment tests LO 1</div>		1st assessment: Group project	10%	2nd assessment: Term Paper (2,500 words)	50%	Final assessment: Final examination (essay-type questions with choice involved)	40%	Active participation in class discussions	0%	Annotated bibliography and draft paper	0%
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	<p>The 2nd summative assessment tests LOs 3, 4. The final summative assessment tests LOs 2,3,4. The formative assessments prepare students for the exams</p> <p><i>Students are required to resit failed assessments in this module.</i></p>
INDICATIVE READING:	<p>REQUIRED READING: Riasanovsky, Nicholas. <i>A History of Russia</i>. Oxford University Press, latest edition.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED READING: Abbott, Jacob. <i>Peter the Great</i>. Nabu Press, 2010. Asher, Abraham. <i>The Revolution of 1905: A Short History</i>. Stanford University Press, 2004. Franklin, Simon. <i>Writing, Society and Culture in Early Rus, c.950 to 1300</i>. Cambridge University Press, 2010. Maradiaga, Isabel de. <i>Ivan the Terrible</i>. Yale University Press 2006. Maradiaga, Isabel de. <i>Catherine the Great</i>. Yale University Press, 2002. Massie, Robert K. <i>Peter the Great</i>. Ballantine Books 1986. Pipes, Richard. <i>Russia under the Old Regime</i>. Penguin, 1997. Radzinsky, Edvard. <i>Alexander II: The Last Great Tsar</i>. Free Press, 2006. Service, Robert The Penguin History of Modern Russia: From Tsarism to the Twenty-first Century, Fifth Edition 2020. Shubin, Daniel H. <i>Tsars and Imposters: Russia's Times of Troubles</i>. Algora Publishing, 2009. Service, Robert, The Penguin History of Modern Russia: From Tsarism to the Twenty-first Century, Fifth Edition 2020</p>
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: N/A</p>
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Written and verbal presentation skills using proper English
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	MSOffice; Blackboard CMS
WWW RESOURCES:	<p>www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwwar/htm www.historyworld.net www.alexanderpalace.org/ www.studyruussian.com/history/history.html</p>
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geography and Ancestors 2. Kievan Russia 3. The Patrimonial State 4. The Muscovite State 5. The Patrimonial Regime 6. The Romanovs 7. Peter the Great and Successors 8. Catherine the Great

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9. The Dismantling of the Patrimonial State10. Russia, the French Revolution and Napoleon11. Internal Instability: Paul and Alexander I12. The Age of Nicholas I13. The Great Reforms14. The Russian Empire at the End of the Nineteenth Century15. The Peasantry16. The Missing Bourgeoisie17. The Church18. The Intelligentsia19. Russian Idealism20. Russia on the Eve of the 1905 Revolution
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