

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:								
HY 4041 RUSSIA AND THE USSR (Updated Fall 2015)		UK LEVEL: 6 UK CREDITS: 15 US CREDITS: 3/0/3						
PREREQUISITES:	None.							
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	The transformation of Russia from an early twentieth-century tsarist autocracy into the USSR and the consolidation of the Soviet state. The background of the Revolution of 1917, the Revolution, the political, economic, social, and cultural developments that brought about the Soviet regime and its collapse.							
RATIONALE:	The former Soviet Union cannot be understood without an assessment of the conditions that made its existence possible.							
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this course, the students should be able to: 1. Explain the failure of tsarist autocracy. 2. Evaluate the impact of revolution and reform on the autocratic system and its relative success or failure. 3. Analyse the contributions of Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Khrushchev and the subsequent Soviet leadership, and differentiate between their respective domestic and foreign policies. 4. Outline the USSR's rise to superpower status. 5. Formulate a coherent, factual interpretation of the reasons for and results of the Cold War.							
METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: - Classes consist of lectures and interactive learning (class discussions on contemporary as well as historical cases). - Office hours: Students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their instructor, where they can discuss the course material. - Use of a Blackboard site, where instructors can post lecture notes assignment instructions, timely announcements, and additional resources. - 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.							
ASSESSMENT:	<table><tr><td colspan="2">Summative:</td></tr><tr><td>Research Paper (3,000 to 4,000 words)</td><td>60%</td></tr><tr><td>Final examination (2-hours) essay type questions</td><td>40%</td></tr></table> Formative:		Summative:		Research Paper (3,000 to 4,000 words)	60%	Final examination (2-hours) essay type questions	40%
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INDICATIVE READING:	<p>REQUIRED READING: Riasanovsky, Nicholas. <i>A History of Russia</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED READING: Conquest, Robert. <i>Stalin. Breaker of Nations</i>. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1993. Lee, Stephen J. <i>Russia and the USSR, 1855-1991: From Autocracy to Dictatorship</i>. Routledge, 2005. Service, Robert. <i>A History of Modern Russia. From Nicholas II to Putin</i>. Penguin, 2003. Tucker, Robert C. <i>Stalin in Power. The Revolution from Above, 1928-1941</i>. New York and London: W.W. Norton & Company, 1990.</p>		
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: N/A</p>		
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Written reports in Word. Oral reports using appropriate skills, in proper English.		
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Word.		
WWW RESOURCES:	www.library.rochester.edu/subject/russian/historical www.alexanderpalace.org/ www.alexanderpalace.org/2006yelagin/ alphahistory.com/russianrevolution/russian-revolution-documents/ libguides.mit.edu/c.php?g=176369&p=1159945 www.orlandofiges.com/		
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	<p>Russia at the Dawn of the Twentieth Century</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Domestic policy 1.2. Foreign policy 1.3. Pressures for change and protest 1.4. Nicholas II and his family <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Early Revolutionary Russia 2.1. The Russo-Japanese War 2.2. The 1905 Revolution 2.3. The Stolypin reforms 2.4. Dumas and parties 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Russia in World War I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Russian participation 3.2. Rasputin and Alexandra 4. The 1917 Revolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. The February Revolution 4.2. The summer of Kerensky 4.3. The Bolshevik takeover 5. The Establishment of the Soviet State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. The first actions of the Bolsheviks 5.2. Civil war and foreign intervention 5.3. Foreign policy 5.4. The New Economic Policy 6. The Era of Stalin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Purges and trials 6.2. Social and economic developments 6.3. Foreign policy to 1939 6.4. The Russo-German Pact 6.5. Russia in World War II 6.6. Post-war reconstruction 6.7. The origins of the Cold War 7. The Era of Krushchev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1. The Twentieth Party Congress 7.2. Cuban missile crisis 7.3. Social and economic policies 7.4. The USSR and Eastern Europe 8. The Era of Brezhnev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.1. Detente and the SALT agreements 8.2. Brezhnev Doctrine and Czechoslovakia 8.3. The USSR and the Third World 8.4. Social and economic policies 9. From Brezhnev to Gorbachev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1. The successors of Brezhnev 9.2. Economic failure 9.3. The end of the Cold War period 9.4. The Gorbachev reforms 9.5. The collapse of the Soviet system 10. The Rise of Yeltsin
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