

HIST 3411 – RUSSIA TO THE GREAT REFORMS
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - FALL 2009
TR 3:30-4:45 || 0341 LeConte Hall

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: “Traces the rise of the Russian state from the Kievan Rus through the tsardom of Nicholas I. High points include the Mongol legacy, the rise of Muscovy, the “Time of Troubles,” and the creation of the modern state structure by Peter I. Final focus is upon the beginnings of the nineteenth-century reforms and the rise of the revolutionary movement.” (*The University of Georgia Bulletin*).

TEXTS: Nicholas V. Riasanovsky, *A History of Russia: Volume I: To 1855* (Oxford). ISBN: 0-195-15392-8
 Nikolai Gogol, *Dead Souls* (Knopf). ISBN: 1-400-04319-0
 Ivan Goncharov, *Oblomov* (Knopf). ISBN: 9-780-67941-7293
These texts are required and available at the UGA Bookstore.
Additional Primary Source Texts Available Via WebCT.

HIST 3411 GRADE SCALE

Attendance		10%	Attendance Total: 10%
Film / Quizzes		10%	Film / Quiz Total: 10%
Essay		25%	Essay Total: 25%
Exams	Exam 01	25%	Exam Total: 55%
	Exam 02	30%	

STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ALL ASSIGNMENTS TO PASS THE COURSE.

POLICIES AND COMMENTS

ATTENDANCE: Regular attendance is expected. Absences are averaged against the number of times attendance is taken, without distinction for “excused” or “unexcused” absences.

READINGS AND PARTICIPATION: Portions of the class are devoted to the discussion of primary source readings. Announced in advance, students should be prepared to contribute.

Quizzes are given for the films shown in class, as they are of instructional value. If you are in attendance, you will do well on the quiz. If you are not, you will not. Otherwise, quizzes are not built into the course, but proctored as needed. **Make-up quizzes** are not offered.

ESSAYS: Students will write an essay on the works of Gogol and Goncharov. The paper will be to six to eight pages in length. Students will craft essays following guidelines and responding to themes provided in advance by their instructor.

LATE ESSAY POLICY: Essays should be submitted by 11:59 P.M. on the designated due date. A ten-point deduction is applied for each day the paper is late. Papers are only accepted up to a week after the original due date.

ESSAY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Please send your essay as an electronic attachment to your instructor's UGA e-mail account (obcarter@uga.edu), and **NOT** via the HIST 3350 WebCT. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that their essay arrives in a timely fashion to the proper address. Essays must make use of a word-processing program. If you do not use Microsoft Word, save your file in Rich Text Format (.rtf). Please save essays as follows: **HIST 3411 - Essay Title - Last Name, First Name**. It would also be helpful if you included that file name in your e-mail's subject line.

EXAMS are essay-format, with questions distributed in advance. **MAKE-UP EXAMS** are administered only if a student provides sufficient documentation. The instructor will then determine if a make-up is granted. If yes, that exam will be significantly more difficult than the original. Avoid this.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS & PDAS: Owing to the past abuse of wireless internet connections found in LeConte Hall, the use of laptop computers and PDA devices is **NOT permitted**. Ignoring this simple rule will adversely affect your attendance grade.

PLAGIARISM & ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT: *All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Each student is responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.* General UGA guidelines may be found at the following URL: http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm.

HIST 3411 – INITIAL CLASS SCHEDULE

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary. Students are individually responsible for learning of changes.

Date	Subject:	Readings:
18 Aug	Introduction to the Course....	
20 Aug	Russian History in Perspective	Riasanovsky, Ch. 1 & 2
25 Aug	The Early Slavs & Rus	Riasanovsky, Ch. 3
27 Aug	The Kievan State: Politics, Economy, Culture	Riasanovsky, Ch. 4-6
01 Sept	The Kievan State: Politics, Economy, Culture	Riasanovsky, Ch. 4-6 <i>Abbot Daniel's Pilgrimage (CT)</i>
03 Sept	The Mongol Khanates & Russia	Riasanovsky, Ch. 7-10 <i>The Principal Navigations (CT)</i>
08 Sept	Competing Influence: Novgorod & Moscow	Riasanovsky, Ch. 11 <i>German Merchants & Novgorod (CT)</i>
10 Sept	<i>Alexander Nevsky (film)</i>	Riasanovsky, Ch. 12
15 Sept	<i>Alexander Nevsky (film)</i>	Riasanovsky, Ch. 12
17 Sept	Appanage Russia: Economy, Society, Culture	Riasanovsky, Ch. 13
22 Sept	The Challenge of Lithuania	Riasanovsky, Ch. 14 <i>Moscow the Third Rome (CT)</i>

24 Sept	The First Tsar: Ivan the Terrible	Riasanovsky, Ch. 15 Kurbskii & Ivan IV <i>Letters</i> (CT)
29 Sept	Time of Troubles: Boris Godunov & the False Dmitri <i>Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov</i> (film – excerpts)	Riasanovsky, Ch. 16 Pushkin, <i>Boris Godunov</i> (CT)
01 Oct	The Early Romanovs: Tsars & Regents	Riasanovsky, Ch. 17 <i>Code of Law</i> (1649)
06 Oct	The Early Romanovs: Economy & Society	Riasanovsky, Ch. 18 & 19 The <i>Domostroi</i> (CT)
08 Oct	<i>Ivan the Terrible</i> (film)	
13 Oct	Mid-Term (Material: 20 Aug – 29 Sep)	
15 Oct	<i>Ivan the Terrible</i> (film)	
20 Oct	Forging Modern Russia: Peter Great	Riasanovsky, Ch. 20 <i>Accounts of Peter I</i> (CT)
22 Oct	Forging Modern Russia: Peter Great	Riasanovsky, Ch. 20 duc de Saint-Simon, <i>Memoirs</i> (CT)
27 Oct	Between Two Greats: Lesser-Known Romanovs	Riasanovsky, Ch. 21
29 Oct	Reform & Reaction: Catherine the Great	Riasanovsky, Ch. 22 Catherine II, <i>Great Instruction</i> (CT)
03 Nov	Russian History in Perspective: The 1700s	Riasanovsky, Ch. 23 & 24
05 Nov	Napoleonic Interlude: Alexander I	Riasanovsky, Ch. 25
10 Nov	Napoleonic Interlude: Alexander I	Riasanovsky, Ch. 25 <i>Political Confession of Faith</i> (CT) <i>Memorandum to Alexander I</i> (CT)
12 Nov	The Decembrists & Nicholas I	Riasanovsky, Ch. 26 <i>Imperial Manifesto on Poland</i> (CT)
17 Nov	Russian Culture: Pushkin, Gogol, Lermontov	Riasanovsky, Ch. 28
19 Nov	Nicholas I & Questions of Reform	Riasanovsky, 26
24-26 Nov	NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING BREAK	
01 Dec	Economy, Society, & the Crimea (1800-1855)	Riasanovsky, Ch. 27
03 Dec	<i>Oblomov</i> (film – excerpts)	Essay Due: Gogol-Goncharov
15 Dec	Final Exam > 341 LeConte - 3:30-6:30 p.m.	

Primary Source WebCT Bibliography

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Catherine the Great, *The Great Instruction* (1767).
Filofei, *Moscow the Third Rome* (1510).
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Ivan IV, *Epistle of the Tsar and Sovereign* (1564).
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n.a., *The Code of Law (Ulozhenie)* (1649).
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v.a., *Various Accounts of Peter the Great* (1698-1730).