

Fall 2010
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History 3411
Russia to Great Reforms
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12:20-1:10 MWF

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In this course, students will explore Russia's unique historical route from her origins to the mid-19th century. In the first half of the class we will overview the history of Kievan Rus' and the period of Mongol domination, explore the structure of Medieval Russian society, the relationship between the ruler and the people and the nature of Muscovite political organization and ideology. We will then proceed to the study of the 17th and 18th centuries, discussing the nature of political, social and economic change and patterns of secularization and westernization. Finally, we will address the establishment of absolutist state by the mid-19th century and the relationship between the state and society prior to the period of Great Reforms. Throughout the class we will focus on the dynamics of relationships among various social groups in Russia, paying particular attention to the condition of the peasantry and the establishment of serfdom. We will also touch Russian imperial expansion, examining the state's attempts to integrate and rule the vast multi-ethnic and multi-religious empire.

Required books:

C. Evtuhov, et. al. eds., *A History Of Russia: Peoples, Legends, Events, Forces*
Cracraft, *The Revolution of Peter the Great*

Recommended:

G. Freeze, *Russia, A History*
Kappeler, *Russia: A Multi-ethnic Empire*

ELC: There is an ELC site for this course. Most of the readings not from the texts above will be available through the ELC site. Check the ELC site regularly for course updates

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All work submitted for this course must comply with the university academic honesty code:

http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/culture_honesty.htm

Students will be assigned a letter grade based on their performance in the class. This final grade will be calculated in this manner:

First paper 20%

Second paper 20%
Mid-term Examination 20%
Discussion 10%
Final exam 30%

- 1) The writing requirement for this course includes two papers, 5-6 pages long. The first paper will be on the topic distributed by instructor. Second paper will be on a topic of your own choosing based on a close reading of the primary documents of 18th and 19th centuries examined in the course. The mid-term and final exams will be a combination of brief essays, terms to be identified and questions. Active participation in discussion is an important part of the course. Students are encouraged to ask questions any time during the class and meet with the instructor during her office hours.
- 2) Late paper and absence policy: Unexcused late papers will be penalized a grade step for each day. Your discussion grade will be reduced by one-half grade for every two absences after your first two absences. If you fail to appear for any of the examinations you will be dropped from the course.
- 3) All the assigned materials should be read prior to the class meeting. Students are required to stay current with ALL the readings assigned for the course. All the books required for this course are available on reserve at the Main Library. Following additional books are available on reserve:
G. Freeze, Russia, A History
N. Riasanovsky, A History of Russia
Kappeler, Russia: A Multi-ethnic Empire
- 4) Please turn off cell phones for the entire class period. Please arrive on time; once class has begun, please refrain from taking breaks and leaving the room.

Week 1 Kievan Rus'—The Origin

August 16-Introduction

Aug 18 David Christian, "The Origin of Rus," pp. 327-352 and "The Pontic Steppes," pp. 357-369 in History of Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia (ELC)

Aug 20 Evtuhov, pp. 1-16; Dmytryshyn, Medieval Russia; a source book, pp. 28-38 (ELC)

Week 2 Kievan Rus' – State Structure, Society, Culture, Economy

Aug 23 Evtuhov, pp. 17-36

Aug 25 Evtuhov, pp. 37-56

Aug 27 Froianov and Dvornichenko, "The City-State in Kievan Rus'," and Rybina, "The Novgorod Amber Trade," in Reinterpreting Russian History, eds. Daniel Kaiser and Gary Marker, pp. 30-37 (ELC)

Week 3 and 4 Appanage Russia/Mongol Domination

Aug 30 Dmytryshyn, pp. 45-62; Janet Martin, Mediaeval Russia, Ch.5, "The Golden Horde," pp. 134-157 (ELC).

Sept. 1 John Fennell, 'The Tver' Uprising of 1327: A Study of the Sources,' **Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropas** 15 (1967): 161-79. (ELC)

Sept 3 Evtukhov, pp. 56-97

Sept 8 Kappeler, The Russian Empire, pp.14-19 (ELC)

No Class Sept 6—Labor Day

No Class Sept 10—Rosh Hashana

Week 5 **Rise of Muscovy**

Sept. 13 Evtuhov, pp. 98-117; Dmytryshyn, pp. 159-176 (ELC)

Sept 15 Evtuhov, pp. 118-138;

Sept 17 Evtuhov, 139-157; Martin, Medieval Russia, pp. 351-359 (ELC)

Screening of Sergei Eisenstein's Ivan the Terrible Part I

Week 6 **Muscovy: State Organization/Rise of the Romanovs**

Sept. 20 Nancy Kollman, "Muscovite Patrimonialism" in Major Problems in the History of Imperial Russia, ed. By James Cracraft (Lexington, Mass: D. C. Heath and Company, 1994) pp. 37-46 (ELC)

Sept. 22; Marshall Poe, "What Did Russians Mean When They Called Themselves 'Slaves of the Tsar'?" **Slavic Review** (Fall 1998): vol. 57, no. 3 pp. 585-608 (ELC)

Sept. 24 Evtuhov, pp. 158-181

Week 7 **Muscovy: Society and Culture**

Sept. 27 Geroid Robinson, Rural Russia under the Old Regime, pp. 1-24 (ELC); Documents Recording Self-Sale into Slavery (1595-1603), Reinterpreting Russian History, pp. 173-176 (ELC)

Sept 29 Valerie Kivelson, "The Devil Stole His Mind: The Tsar and the 1648 Moscow Uprising" **American Historical Review** 98, (June, 1993), pp 733-756 (ELC)

Oct 1 Evtuhov, 182-202; "Grigorii Kotoshikhin On Boyar Wedding/A Marriage Contract," in Reinterpreting Russian History, pp. 176-179 (ELC)

FIRST ESSAY DUE IN CLASS

Week 8 **Peter the Great**

Oct 4 Cracraft, The Revolution of Peter the Great, pp.1-53

Oct 6 Cracraft, pp. 54-113

Oct 8 Cracraft, pp. 114-165

Week 9 **Peter the Great/Struggle for Succession**

Oct 11 Evtuhov, pp.203-266; Pushkin, The Bronze Horseman (ELC);

Oct 13 Kappeler, The Russian Empire, pp. 60-75 (ELC)

Oct 15 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Week 10 **Catherine the Great –The Enlightened Empress**

Oct. 18 Evtuhov, pp. 267-289; Shcherbatov, Petition of the City of Moscow on Being

Relegated to Oblivion” in Raeff, ed. Russian Intellectual History, pp. 50-55 (ELC)

Oct 20 Evtuhov, 290-308;

Oct 22 Fonvizin, A Discourse on Permanent Laws of State in Russian Intellectual History, in Raeff, ed. Russian Intellectual History, pp. 96-105 (ELC)

Week 11 **Catherine the Great— Peasant Question**

Oct. 25, Robinson, Rural Russia Under the Old Regime, Ch 2 pp. 25-33; Radishchev, “Gorodnaya,” (ELC) *Moskovskie Vedomosti*, Newspaper Advertisement Listing Serfs for Sale (1797) in Reinterpreting Russian History, p. 295 (ELC)

Oct. 27 Avruch, The Russian Rebels, Ch.4 (Pugachev). (ELC)

Oct. 29 No Class, Fall Break

Week 12 **Paul I and Alexander I**

Nov 1 Evtuhov, pp. 310-329; The Memoirs of Anna Labzina, An Eighteenth-Century Noblewoman (1810) and Nadezhda Durova, The Cavalry Maiden (1836) in Reinterpreting Russian History, pp. 370-379

Nov 3 Karamzin, Memoir on ancient and modern Russia pp.120-127; 130-140 (ELC)

Nov 5 Karamzin, pp. 147-167 (ELC)

Week 13 **Alexander I -- Decembrist Uprising**

Nov 8 Evtuhov, pp. 329-346

Nov 10 Figes, “Children of 1812” in Natasha’s Dance: A Cultural History of Russia, pp. 72-101 (ELC)

Nov 12 Figes, “Children of 1812,” pp. 101-146 (ELC)

Week 14 **Nicholas I—Last Decades of Serfdom**

Nov 15 Riazanovsky, A Parting of Ways: Government and the Educated Public in Russia, pp. 248-298 (ELC)

Nov 17 Evtuhov, pp.347-387: A Speech by Emperor Nicholas I on Serfdom (1842), in Reinterpreting Russian History, pp.295-296 (ELC)

Nov 19 Robinson, Rural Russian Under the Old Regime, pp. 34-63 (ELC)

SECOND ESSAY DUE IN CLASS

Nov 22-26, Thanksgiving Break

Week 15 **Nicholas I -- Consolidating Empire**

Nov 29 Evtuhov, pp. 388-405

Dec 1 Kappeler, The Russian Empire pp. 168-212 (ELC)

Dec 3, Kappeler, 213-252 (ELC)

Dec 6 Review

FINAL EXAMINATION: WED., DEC 15 12:00-3:00