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HISTORY OF RUSSIA TO 1801

TEXTS: All available at University Bookstore.

N. Riasanovsky and M. Steinberg, A History of Russia to 1855.

S. Zenkovsky, Medieval Russia's Epics, Chronicles, and Tales.

B. Dmytryshyn, Imperial Russia: A Source-Book

J. Cracraft, Peter the Great Transforms Russia

B. E. Clements et alii, eds., Russia's Women: Accommodation, Resistance, Transformation.

All books are in paperback. Dmytryshyn and Clements will also be used in History 418.

REQUIREMENTS:

This course covers issues in the social, political, cultural, and diplomatic history of Russia from its beginnings until the death of Paul I in 1801. Undergraduates can take the course for three or four credits. Graduate students receive three credits. Students' requirements differ according to the credit load they assume.

All students are expected to attend lectures; the instructor and TA require their attendance at weekly discussion sections. Students should know that lectures are written on the assumption that students have read the week's assignment **BEFORE** class on Monday. These readings also form the core of each week's section meeting. Discussion sections serve two purposes: to clarify or amplify issues raised during lecture; and to discuss the assigned readings for the given week. In order to encourage both attendance and discussion, 20% of the student's final grade will be based on her or his work in section. In addition, all students will write a take-home **mid-term examination**, to be handed in on **November 10** and the **final examination**, presently scheduled for **December 18**. The mid-term will count for 20% of the final grade; the final, 20%.

Three-credit students write two brief (4-6pp.) papers on assigned topics. The **first paper** will be due **October 20**; the **second paper** on **December 11**. The papers will account for 15% and 25% of the final grade respectively.

Four-credit students will write one brief paper on an assigned topic, and a longer one (12-15pp.) on a topic to be agreed upon with the instructor. They are due on October 20 and December 11. Their relative weight will be the same as for three-credit papers.

Honors and graduate students participate in a section directed by the instructor; they will also take the mid-term and final examinations. Honors students will write, in addition to the assignments for their credit-load, three book reviews on secondary sources decided on in

consultation with the instructor. Graduate students' written work will consist of three book reviews and one longer research paper (app. 15-20pp.) on a topic approved by the instructor.

Students should familiarize themselves with definitions of plagiarism. They should also consult either the TA or the instructor with any and all questions about this serious offence. In addition, students will submit work that they have prepared on their own, unless they have received permission for a collaborative project. The instructor will subject violations of either rule to the penalties outlined in the university's regulations on academic misconduct.

SCHEDULE AND READINGS

<u>Week</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1. 9/4	INTRODUCTION; OVERVIEW AND ORIGINS OF RUS'. READINGS: Lecture: Riasanovsky, chapters 1, 2. <i>Russia's Women</i> , Introduction, and 17-28 [Worobec] No discussion.
2. 9/11	OVERVIEW AND ORIGINS OF RUS'. READINGS: Lecture: Riasanovsky, chapters 3-6. Discussion: Zenkovsky, 43-64. Dmytryshyn, pp. 64-69 [Normanist, anti-Normanist controversy].
3. 9/18	THE EMERGENCE OF RUS' (8 th -10 th centuries). READINGS: Lecture: Rias. 3-6 [encore]. Discussion: Zenkovsky, 65-71, 85-91, <i>Russia's Women</i> , 29-43 [Pushkareva article].
4. 9/25	RUS' POLITICS AND SOCIETY—CENTRIFUGAL AND CENTRIPETAL FORCES (10 th -13 th centuries). READINGS: Lecture.: Rias. 2, 7. Lecture AND Discussion: Zenkovsky, 71-77, 101-105, 92-100, 167-192.
5. 10/2	THE MONGOLS AND RUS'—REGIONAL SUCCESSOR-STATES (ca. 1240-1350). READINGS: Lect: Rias. 7-10. Disc.: Zenk. pp. 193-198, 224-236, 243-246, 77-82.
6. 10/9	RUS' AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MOSCOW (1320-ca. 1450). READINGS: Lect.: Rias. 11-14. Disc.: Zenk. 211-223, 315-332.
7. 10/16	MUSCOVY TRIUMPHANT; IVAN IV, part I (1463-1564). READINGS: Lect.: Rias. 11, 14. Disc.: Zenk. 262-289.
8. 10/23	IVAN THE TERRIBLE AND THE ORIGINS OF THE "TIME OF TROUBLES" (1564-1605). READINGS: Lect.: Rias. 15, 16. Disc.: Zenk. 366-378, 501-505.

9. 10/30 THE END OF THE TROUBLES AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE ROMANOVS (1611-1645). READINGS: **Lect.:** Rias. 16, 17 (through the reign of Michael). **Disc.:** Zenk. 379-390, 505-514; *Russia's Women*, Kivelson.
10. 11/6 MATURE MUSCOVY: LEGAL AND SOCIAL FOUNDATIONS (1645-1682). READINGS: **Lect.:** Rias. 17-18. **Disc.:** *Russia's Women*, 60-73 [Kollmann]; Zenk. 474-486, 515, 522.
11. 11/13 RESPONSES TO CHANGE: THE SCHISM, SOPHIA'S "REGENCY." (1650's-1689). READINGS: **Lect.:** Rias. 19, 20 [to page 200]; Cracraft, *Peter*, 7-36. **Disc.:** Zenk. 399-449.
12. 11/20 PETER THE GREAT, WAR AND REFORM, 1689-1711. READINGS: **Lect.:** Rias. 20. **Lecture AND Discussion:** Cracraft, pp. 37-159, Dmytryshyn, pp. 1-12, 14.
13. 11/27 PETER AND HIS SOCIETY, 1711-1725. READINGS: **Lect.:** Cracraft, pp. 159-193, 219-231, 258-300, Dmytryshyn, 15-42. **NO DISCUSSION**
- 14.. 12/4 ABSORBING PETER'S LEGACY—THE RISE OF "ENLIGHTENED ABSOLUTISM": RUSSIA, 1725-1796. READINGS: **Lecture:** Rias. 21, 22, 23. **Disc.:** Dmytryshyn, 49-63, 69-92, 113, 139-142.
15. 12/11 CATHERINE II AND HER OPPONENTS. READINGS: **Lect.:** Rias. 24. **Disc.:** Dmytryshyn, pp. 94-100, 104-107, 127-135