Administrative Unit: History and Social Sciences Department

Course Prefix and Number: HIST 231

Course Title: Imperial Russia

Number of Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Russian history from the founding of Kiev to the death of Alexander I, with emphasis upon the Princes of Kiev, the Mongols, Russian Orthodoxy, the Time of Troubles, the Romanovs, Catherine the Great and the beginning of revolutionary tradition. Offered odd Fall. Course meets World/Eastern Culture graduation requirement.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): None.

Text(s):

Course Objectives:
- To become acquainted with the basic political evolution of Russian civilization and the fundamental character of Russian culture.
- To discern and trace the basic continuity of Russian history from its origins in Byzantine Orthodoxy, Kiev, the Mongol conquest, and the rise of Moscovy, to its impact on Western history during the Napoleonic era.
- To acquire a mature understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and dignity of Russian history.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:
- Explain the problem of Russian geography and how its physical nature influenced the development of Russian history.
- Describe and analyze the first Russian state and the role of the Orthodox Church in the formation of Russian culture.
- Analyze the Mongol Empire and the clash of interpretations over the Mongol effect on Russian development.
- Describe the rise of Moscow and the coming of the Tsars.
- Analyze and describe the reign of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great in regard to the problem of slavophile and Westernizer.
- Evaluate the coming of serfdom and the deep origins of the Russian Revolution.
Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

- Ancient Russia
- Kiev
- Orthodoxy
- Moscow
- Ivan the Great
- Ivan the Dread
- Time of Troubles
- The First Romanovs
- Peter the Great
- Catherine the Great
- Paul and Alexander I
- The First Russian Revolutionaries

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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