Administrative Unit: History and Social Sciences Department

Course Prefix and Number: HIST 232

Course Title: History of Russia: 1825 to the Present

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

Catalog Description: Major historical developments from the death of Alexander I, through the coming of Marxism, the Revolution of 1917, Stalin, the Great Patriotic War, the Cold War, to the Commonwealth of Independent States. Offered even Spring.

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


Course Objectives:

• To become acquainted with the basic political/social evolution of Russian civilization as well as the fundamental character of Russian culture, and how they differ from that of the West.
• To study the Russian Revolution and the fate of Marxist-Leninism in Russian history.
• To acquire a mature understanding of modern Russian history, as well as an appreciation for the dignity of Russian culture.

Measurable Learning Outcomes

• Describe and analyze the Russian response to the French enlightenment and the French Revolution.
• Analyze the coming of Marxism to Russia and the development of revolutionary ideas.
• Compare and contrast the various writers and ideas from nineteenth century Russian culture.
• Describe Russian imperial policy.
• Describe and analyze the freeing of the serfs in Russian and the development of the Narodniki.
• Identify and analyze the contributions of Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin to the Russian Reformation.
• Describe the sequence of events leading to the creation of the Soviet Union.
• Discuss the legacy of Stalin, the Great Patriotic War, the Cold War and the fate of the Soviet Union.
• Describe the primary events of the Cold War and the fall of the Soviet Union.
Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

- Russia and the Enlightenment
- The last years of Alexander I
- The Iron Tsar
- The Tsar Liberator
- Russian Literature and Revolutionary Thought
- Lenin
- Nicholas II
- The Great War
- The Bolshevik Revolution
- The Civil War
- Stalin
- The Great Patriotic War
- The Cold War
- Khrushchev
- The Soviet Empire
- The Collapse of the Soviet Empire
- The End of Marxism?

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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