

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

FROM REVOLUTION TO CRISIS: RUSSIA 1789 - 1856 - 39307

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course offers a comprehensive overview of Russian history from the era of the French revolution until the severe national crisis in Russia surrounding its defeat in the Crimean War. How did this empire, which had until then been feared throughout Europe, fail in the battlefield against a small expeditionary force from the West? The course will put particular emphasis on the influence of traditional Russian trends on governmental policies, the interaction between domestic and foreign policies, the interaction between socio-economic processes and political change, as well as the development of elite culture in Russia as a factor in political opposition.

Course/Module aims:

The course aims to familiarize students from diverse academic backgrounds with the broad patterns of Russian Imperial history at this time

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Compare and contrast the causes and effects of domestic and foreign policies.

Evaluate long-term trends in Russian history.

Think critically about connections between Russian Imperial history and contemporary events.

Assess the value of arguments arising from major works in the scholarly historiography in the field.

Construct original written analyses about historical questions.

Integrate materials from the assigned readings, together with material collected in class, to support the original analyses.

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture

Course/Module Content:

Russia on the verge of the modern period.

The wars against Napoleon.

Domestic and foreign policy dilemmas.

Decembrist revolt.

The widening gap between the Intelligentsia and the regime.

The Crimean War.

Emancipation of Russia's serfs.

The "Great Reforms".

Required Reading:

Nicholas V. Riasanovsky. A History of Russia. Oxford University Press, 1977.

J.N. Westwood. Endurance and Endeavor: Russian History, 1812-1986. Oxford University Press, 1991

Geoffrey Hosking. Russia: People and Empire. Harvard University Press, 1997.

W.B. Lincoln. Nicholas I: Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russias. Indiana University Press, 1980.

Gregory Freeze, ed. Russia: A History. Oxford University Press, 1997.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %

Additional information:

This course is closed to students who have participated in the course "Revolution

to Revolution: Russia, 1789-1917" (course number 39276).