

FACULTY OF ARTS

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HTST412 Russia and the Soviet Union

This course is a survey of modern Russian and Soviet history. After a brief introduction to Russian history up to 1801 the course looks in detail at the late imperial and Soviet periods, with particular focus on the period from the October 1917 revolution through rapid industrialisation and collectivization under Stalin to the Great Patriotic War. The course concludes with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the first years of the Yeltsin presidency.

Assessment for the course will be an essay proposal, research essay and multiple-choice 'final' test on the last day of class – there will not be a final examination for this class. At the beginning of the class students will be introduced to historical sources and research methodology to assist them in the completion of the essay proposal and plan. There is a single required text for this course: Nicholas V. Riasanovsky and Mark D. Steinberg, *A History of Russia (Eighth Edition)*, available from the U of C Bookstore.

Time and location: Fall 2014 Tu/Th 11:00-12:15 ST128

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