

DR. STARKS
RUSSIAN HISTORY TO 1861
FALL 2009

TEXTS:

Evtuhov, et. al. *A History of Russia: Peoples, Legends, Events, Forces* v.2
Kaiser and Marker, *Reinterpreting Russian History*

REQUIREMENTS:

Exams:

Two examinations will assess student's understanding of major issues in Russian history using short answer, source identification, and essay. The first exam will account for **20%** of the course grade. The second exam will account for **30%** of the course grade.

Writing Requirements:

Students will be expected to write a source critique of 7-10 pages of a primary source incorporating information from the text and primary source readings connected to the book. A list of books will be made available on the first day of class and kept on reserve in the library. Further directions are available [HERE](#). This paper accounts for **30%** of the class grade and is due November 17.

Late papers will be penalized five points per day for each day late (including weekends, assessed from the beginning of the class period).

Participation:

Students are expected to attend lecture and participate in class discussion. These two factors will account for **20%** of the final grade. To participate, a student must be in class, but showing up for class constitutes only the most basic form of participation. Regular, engaged, informed discussion is even more important. A student is allowed **TWO** absences without a grade reduction.

Graduate Students:

Graduate students are responsible for reading assignments and participation (**20%** of course grade). They are also required to write **THREE** historiographic essays. Together these will account for **80%** of the final grade.

Plagiarism:

Presenting another's' words or ideas as your own constitutes plagiarism.

Always acknowledge your sources and use quotations marks whenever you use a unique phrase or more than three words in succession from another's work.

If an interpretation is unique to an author, acknowledge this contribution in a footnote.

Plagiarism is a serious form of academic misconduct and will be treated accordingly. Students who plagiarize will be failed for the course and reported to the university for disciplinary action.

Inclement weather policy:

If Fayetteville Public Schools cancel class due to bad weather, this class will not meet.

Further notes:

Students with disabilities should contact the [Center for Educational Access](#) to find out about their rights and their obligations. I will make all accommodations required by the office to facilitate a student's experience in the course.

The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus. Any changes will be announced in class (the may not appear on this site) and are the responsibility of the student.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Note: Reading assignments for the day are presented under the date they are assigned.

Those items which are presented with "READ" in front of them are required for class.
All Other LINKS are for amusement only.

WEEK ONE:

***August 25: Introduction

Evtuhov, Chapter 1

***August 27: Kiev: Development and Structures

Evtuhov, Chapter 2

Kaiser and Marker, 60-78

WEEK TWO:

***September 1: Kiev: Religion of State

Evtuhov, Chapter 3

Kaiser and Marker, 21-37, 49-59

***September 3: Novgorod the Great

Kaiser and Marker, 79-126

WEEK THREE:

***September 8: Mongols, 1240

Evtuhov, Chapter 4

***September 10: Mongols, 1480

Evtuhov, Chapter 5

Kaiser and Marker, 127-46

WEEK FOUR:

***September 15: Muscovy, 1301-1456

***September 17: Muscovy, 1456-1533

Evtuhov, Chapter 6

WEEK FIVE:

***September 22: Ivan IV

Evtuhov, Chapter 7

Kaiser and Marker, 147-63

***September 24: Ivan IV

Kaiser and Marker, 164-71

WEEK SIX:

***September 29: Time of Troubles

Evtuhov, Chapter 8

***October 1: Time of Troubles

WEEK SEVEN:

***October 6: Rise of Serfdom

Kaiser and Marker, 172-92

***October 8:

MIDTERM EXAMINATION

WEEK EIGHT:

***October 13: Rise of Serfdom

Kaiser and Marker, 172-92

***October 15: Early Romanovs

WEEK NINE:

***October 20: Schism

Evtuhov, Chapter 9 and 10

***October 22: Peter the Great

Evtuhov, Chapter 11

Kaiser and Marker, 223-41

WEEK TEN:

***October 27: Peter the Great

Evtuhov, Chapter 12

***October 29: Peter the Great

WEEK ELEVEN:

***November 3: Post-Petrine rulers

Evtuhov, Chapter 13

***November 5: Peter III and Catherine II

Evtuhov, Chapter 14

WEEK TWELVE:

***November 10: Catherine II
Evtuhov, Chapter 15

Kaiser and Marker, 242-55

***November 13:

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WEEK THIRTEEN:

***November 17: Catherine II
Kaiser and Marker, 379-85

PAPERS DUE

***November 19: Paul I to Alexander I
Evtuhov, Chapter 16

WEEK FOURTEEN:

***November 24: Alexander I to Napoleon
***November 26:

FALL BREAK

WEEK FIFTEEN:

***December 1: Napoleon
Evtuhov, Chapter 17

***December 3: Nicholas I
Evtuhov, Chapter 18
Kaiser and Marker, 255-67

WEEK SIXTEEN:

***December 8: Nicholas I
Evtuhov, Chapter 19 and 20

Kaiser and Marker, 290-311

***December 9:

DEAD DAY