

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 248 **Course Title** Russia and Soviet Union since 1800
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective for International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** TBA

7. Course Description

The geography of Russia; Society, political institutions and economic developments under the tsars. The rise of revolutionary movements : Socialists, Communists and Anarchists. Autocracy and liberalism. The 1905 Revolution. World War I and the revolutions of 1917. The Bolshevik victory and the civil war. Stalinism. The Great Patriotic War. The Cold War and international relations. Khrushchev and the end of Stalinism. The age of Brezhnev. Social and economic developments. The end of the USSR. Contemporary Russia.

8. Course Objective (s)

- 1) To introduce a broad outline of Russian history
- 2) To develop skills in historiography

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction; the study of history; The 19 th century world	4	TBA
2	Russian culture under the late czars	4	
3	Aleksandr II and his reforms	4	
4	Early revolutionary thought and early revolutionists	4	
5	Russian industrialization, the Russo - Japanese War, and the Revolution of 1905	4	
6	World War I; February Revolution; Great October Revolution	4	
7	The civil war and foreign military intervention; Lenin and the Twenties	4	
8	Stalin : the Thirties; World War II	4	
9	The death of Stalin & the rise of Khrushchev	4	
10	The Cold War; The USSR after Kreuschev	4	
11	Gorbachev and the Post Soviet era	4	
	Total	44	

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lecture and discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Texts, transparencies, videos.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

13. Course evaluation

Grading will be based on two in - class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

14. Reference (s)

- 1) Ronald Grigor Suny, *The Soviet Experiment : Russia, The USSR and Successor States*; Oxford University, Oxford, 1998.
- 2) John Reed, *Ten Days that Shook the World*, Penguin, London, 1997.

15. Instructor (s)

TBA

16. Course Coordinator

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