

In under twenty years, Russia experienced three revolutions, world war, civil war, the collapse of the three-hundred-year-old Romanov dynasty, and the rise of the Soviet state. This course examines the causes and consequences of these tumultuous years from 1905 to 1921, exploring the rich political, social, intellectual and cultural world of revolutionary Russia. It looks at the challenges of reform and modernisation in late imperial Russia, the rise of revolutionary politics, the impact of the First World War and the immediate events of 1917 leading to the establishment of Bolshevik power, before assessing the Red victory in the civil war, revolutionary and utopian cultures, and the consolidation of the early Soviet state. In doing so, the course focuses on the centres of power in Moscow and Petersburg and their key actors, but also ventures into provinces and countryside to assess the ways in which political and social change unfolded elsewhere. We will also engage with critical debates in the historiography of the period on the inevitable fall of the Romanov dynasty, continuities between the late imperial and early Soviet systems, and the relationship between state, society and the individual before and after the 1917 revolution.

Curricular information is subject to change

What will I learn?

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate detailed knowledge of the events, actors and processes in Russia's revolutionary history.
2. Critically engage with a variety of primary and secondary material.
3. Evaluate conflicting interpretations of the events of 1917, their causes and consequences.
4. Write scholarly essays to the standard of a level 3 student of history.
5. Assess and analyse key themes, readings and debates in class discussions.

Indicative Module Content:

The module will cover the following areas:

Week 1: Russia in 1900

Week 2: 1905

Week 3: The constitutional experiment, 1906-1914

Week 4: The changing face of society to 1914

Week 5: Russia and the First World War

Week 6: The February revolution and the transition to Dual Power

Week 7: March to October 1917 in city and countryside

[Reading weeks]

Week 8: The Bolshevik rise to power

Week 9: The civil war years

Week 10: Revolutionary dreams: Cultures of power

Week 11: Party, state and society to 1921

How will I learn?

Student Effort Hours:

Student Effort Type	Hours
Lectures	11
Seminar (or Webinar)	4
Specified Learning Activities	50
Autonomous Student Learning	50
Total	115

Am I eligible to take this module?

Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations

Not applicable to this module.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment Strategy

Description	Timing	Open Book Exam	Component Scale	Must Pass Component	% of Final Grade
Assignment: 1,000 word primary source document analysis	Week 7	n/a	Graded	No	40
Essay: 2,000 word essay	Week 12	n/a	Graded	No	60

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No</div>
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What happens if I fail?

Resit In	Terminal Exam
Autumn	No

Assessment feedback

<div class="subHeadCB">Feedback Strategy/Strategies</div>
<p>* Feedback individually to students, post-assessment</p>
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<div class="subHeadCB">How will my Feedback be Delivered?</div>
<p>Feedback on the mid-term primary source analysis assessment is provided in writing on the returned hard copy. Feedback on the end of semester 2000-word essay assignment is given by appointment in one-to-one meetings.</p>

Reading List

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<dt>Trimester:</dt>
<dd>Spring</dd>
<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>
<dd>Assoc Professor Jennifer Keating</dd>
<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>
<dd>Face-to-Face</dd>
<dt>Internship Module:</dt><dd>No</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>
<dd>Letter grades </dd>

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