

Syllabus

Course Code: HIST 226

Title: History of Modern Russia

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: History

Course Description: This course examines Russia in the Twentieth Century with particular focus on the rise and fall of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991. With an initial examination of the late Imperial Period to provide context for the revolutionary events of 1905 and 1917, the principal topics to be addressed will include the Bolshevik Revolution, the Russian Civil War, the rise of Stalin and his impact on pre-World War II Russia, the Great Patriotic War, the Soviet Union as a Cold War Super Power, and the slow decline that culminates in the collapse of the communist system by 1991. This course satisfies the General Education, Global and Cultural Awareness Requirement as requirements for the Option in International Studies in the A.A. degree in Humanities.

Prerequisites: READ 095 and ENGL 095 or satisfactory completion of the College's foundational studies requirement in reading and writing.

Corequisites: Click or tap here to enter text.

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

Required Textbook/Materials: See the bookstore for the most current information.

Additional Time Requirements: For information on Brookdale's policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer to [Academic Credit Hour Policy](#).

Additional Support/Labs:

See <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/>

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Course Learning Outcomes:

The objectives of this course are twofold: First, to develop a solid knowledge of not just the facts for the period we study, but an understanding of the interactions and exchanges between the different people that comprised the Soviet Union and the way in which they influenced one another, the USSR as a whole, and the world around them. Second, to develop critical reading, thinking, and writing skills in analyzing historical material and sources, and producing first-rate historical work based on such analysis. (Communication, Critical Thinking, Creative Expression, Information Literacy, Technological Literacy, Historical/Societal Analysis)

Course Content:

1. Imperial Russia
2. Revolution
3. Soviet Society in the 1920s
4. Rise of Stalin
5. The Great Purges
6. The Origins of World War II
7. The Russo-German War and Aftermath
8. End of Stalinism and Nikita Khrushchev
9. Decline: From Khrushchev to Brezhnev
10. The Soviet Union in Crisis (Gorbachev)
11. The End of the USSR and after

Department Policies: Click or tap here to enter text.

Grading Standard:

Students will achieve grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, or F according to the chart below:

100-93% = A
92-90% = A-
89-87% = B+
86-83% = B
82-80% = B-
79-77% = C+
76-70% = C
69-65% = D
Less than 65% = F

PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTOR ADDENDUMS FOR GRADING POLICIES

College Policies:

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:

- Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [student handbook](#) and [catalog](#).

Notification for Students with Disabilities:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Accessibility Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

Mental Health:

24/7/365 Resources:

- Monmouth Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services at **(732) 923-6999**
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline – Available to talk with you about any problem, distress, or hardship you are experiencing. Call or text at **888-222-2228** or visit the website at <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Faculty Counselors:

- Students who need to make an appointment with a faculty counselor can do so by calling 732-224-1822 (non-emergency line) during business hours. Faculty counselors are licensed mental health professionals who can assist students and refer them to other mental health resources.

Diversity Statement:

Brookdale Community College fosters an environment of inclusion and belonging. We promote a safe and open culture, encourage dialogue respecting diverse perspectives informed by credible sources, and uphold the virtues of civil discourse. We celebrate all identities with the understanding that ultimately, diversity, equity, and inclusion cultivate belonging and make us a stronger Brookdale community.

**The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arise.*