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History HIEU 156 - The Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, 1855-1991  

This is a survey course that covers the history of the late Russian Empire and the now completed Soviet period. Its midway point is the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. There will be an in-class mid-term and a take-home final. Students can replace the mid-term with a focused research paper of 10-15 pages. Students will choose the topic of this paper, but they must obtain the permission of the instructor. Topics should be announced and agreed upon before the mid-term. No paper can be accepted without this agreement.  

Books: (Available at the bookstore)  

N. Riasanovsky - A History of Russia (any edition*)  
Ivan Turgenev – Fathers and Sons (any edition)  
R. Suny ed. The Russian Revolution and Bolshevik Victory (I)  
R. Suny - The Revenge of the Past (II)  
Richard Stites - Russian Popular Culture  
R. and Z. Medvedev - Khrushchev  

Website  

www.soviethistory.org - Seventeen Moments in Soviet History  

READINGS  

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5. Suny(I), pp. 339-493; Stites, pp. 1-36
   Website - 1917
6. Riasanovsky, chs. xxxv-xxxviii; Stites, pp. 37-63
   Website - 1921, 1924
7. Riasanovsky, chs. xxxix-xl; Stites, pp. 64-122
   Website - 1929, 1934, 1936, 1939
8. Suny, (II)
   Website - 1943, 1947
9. Medvedev; Stites, pp. 123-177
   Website - 1954, 1956, 1961
10. Riasanovsky, chs. xli-xlili; Stites, pp. 178-209
    Website - 1968, 1980, 1986,