

INFORMATION SHEETI. Course Description

"History 418. History of Russia. II;3-4 cr. Russian political, economic, and social history from 1800 to 1917; foreign relations as they affect domestic policy." Graduate students may take the course for 3 credits only.

II. Prerequisites

This course is open to Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Graduate Students. Freshmen, including those in the Honors Program, will not be admitted for credit. Students who have been identified on the official class roster as Freshmen, including Transfer Students, will be automatically disqualified unless they bring proof from some appropriate office of the University that they are in fact above the Freshman level.

III. Auditors

Persons who wish to audit the course will be welcome at all lectures. Auditors who have formally enrolled as such can have this course recorded on their transcripts by presenting the instructor with a written statement, before the end of the course, stating that they have attended lectures with reasonable regularity.

IV. Pass-Fail

Some students may take the course on a pass-fail basis, if they are not History majors and if they have the necessary grade point average. It is the student's own responsibility to establish his or her eligibility to take the course on a pass-fail basis. Students who elect to take the course on a pass-fail basis should not indicate this to the instructor unless asked, nor should they ask for any special treatment. On the other hand, their presence in the course will be welcome.

V. Attendance

A student who has excessive unexcused absences may be required to drop the course. Poor attendance will affect the final grade adversely.

VI. Three Special Requests

(1) No smoking...(2) Please come promptly; tardiness is distracting to others. If you must come late, please shut the door quickly behind you so that the outside light will not interfere with the screen up front, and sit in a seat nearest to the door so as not to disturb others. Similarly, if you know that you must leave early, please sit as near to the door as possible. It is an appreciated courtesy to let the lecturer know beforehand if you must leave early...(3) No eating or drinking in the lecture room.

the examination); and Part II. One essay out of at least three choices (70% of the examination). All the questions for both parts of these examinations will be taken directly from study guides which will be handed out from week to week. The second hour of the final examination will consist of one out of about ten questions covering broad aspects of the course as a whole. These questions will be handed out to the students in advance. Students will then have a choice of one out of three.

XII. Advice to New Students in the Course

It has been quite possible for students who have not had the first semester of this course to do very well in the second semester. However, new students are strongly urged to acquaint themselves with Russian history before 1800 by perusing the first part of the MacKenzie and Curran textbook, to page 262, during the first week.

XIII. Policy on Late Papers and Make-up Examinations

The dates on which the two short papers are due will be announced approximately one month in advance. They will be spaced to fit the chronology of the course.

For Honors students, the deadline for submitting the term paper will be 9:55 a.m. in class (not a mailbox) on Wednesday, April 15. The reason for this deadline is that this is just before the last day on which students in L&S and most colleges of the University can drop a course or a credit without academic penalty. Thus students who do not meet this deadline must drop the Honors credit. They must do this by following the regular procedure for dropping and adding courses and credits in their college. It is not enough to inform the instructor of your intention to drop the Honors credit.

Especially since students will have a month for each short paper and twelve weeks for the term paper, students would do well to hand in their papers ahead of the deadline and thus avoid possible last minute emergencies such as typing problems, dental appointments, and the like.

Late papers will not be accepted for full credit without a valid excuse such as a medical excuse. Unexcused late papers will be accepted if submitted before the final examination, but they will receive a numerical grade no higher than 50 (rather than 0) in averaging the final semester grade.

Similarly students will not be given make-up examinations without such a valid excuse. As for make-up examinations, in no case will they be given prior to the announced time of an examination except upon the advice of a dean.

XIV. Back-Up Copies of Papers

Students are asked to retain copies of all papers which they submit as insurance against lost or misplaced papers.