

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Russian Civilization & Culture

Course Abbreviation and Number: RUS 2560

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Students will learn about Russian culture and civilization by focusing on the most significant events in Russian history from its formation to the collapse of the Soviet Union through exposure to the best examples of the Russian music, literature, arts and architecture, and exploring the depths of the Russian civilization and so-called "Russian soul."

Prerequisite: ENG 1510.

General Education Requirements Met

JCC

Cultural Understanding

Global Perspectives

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Develop historical knowledge of the socio-political structures of Russia.
 2. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding]
 3. Demonstrate awareness of systemic global issues and the impact of individual and collective decisions on life around the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Global Perspectives]
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Topics Covered:

- Russian history before 20th century
 - Origins of Russia
 - Christianization of Russia
 - Russia under the Mongol-Tatar yoke
 - Muscovite Russia
 - Imperial Russia
 - Modern Russian History
 - Russian Revolutions
 - Russia under Stalin
 - Russia after Stalin
 - Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Union
 - Russian Language and Literature
 - Cyrillic alphabet
 - Peculiarities of grammar
 - The influence of the Russian language on the Russian culture
 - Russian contributions to world literature
 - Russian Music
 - Russian contributions to world music
 - Russian traditional music and instruments
 - Popular musical styles of Russians
 - Russian Arts and Architecture
 - Traditional Russian crafts
 - Russian icon-painting
 - Russian churches
 - Russian Theatre and Cinematography
 - Russian contributions to world theatre and cinematography
 - Popular Russian movies and actors
 - Russian Life
 - Political life in Russia
 - Russian holidays and traditions
 - The structure of major societal institutions
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)

- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

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| A=4.0 | B+=3.5 | B=3 | C+=2.5 | C=2 | D+=1.5 | D=1 | F=0 |
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

Effective Date: Fall 2023