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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This is a general education unit which offers a view of Russian cultural life and the cultural contributions made by Russia to the world. The unit is conducted in English and no knowledge of Russian is required. Topics include: literature; theatre and cinema; music; painting; and architecture. The contemporary situation in Russia is presented against the historical background. The unit is based on a seminar discussion format with extensive use of audio-visual materials, including recordings and films. Assessment is based on two quizzes and two essays.
Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/](http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/)

Learning Outcomes

1. Display a basic understanding of Russian culture.
2. To develop independent and analytical judgment.
3. To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
4. To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
5. To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.
6. To assess and prioritize information.
7. To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

Assessment Tasks

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**Essay 1**

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **25%**

A research essay in English (1,000 words). Must include references, bibliography (not included in word count) and be written in an academic style.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

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Quiz 1
Due: TBA
Weighting: 20%

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Essay 2
Due: TBA
Weighting: 35%

A research essay in English (1,500 words). Must include references, bibliography (not included in word count) and be written in an academic style.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
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Quiz 2
Due: TBA
Weighting: 20%
This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

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Delivery and Resources

There are no texts to buy for this unit but students are required to read all the texts assigned by the lecturer prior to each class. Most of these will be available via your online unit. It is the student’s responsibility to regularly check the online unit for texts for forthcoming lectures.

Online Unit

Login is via: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/ Using your Student ID number and your MyMQ Portal password.

Is my unit in iLearn?: http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/ Use this link to check when your online unit will become available.

iLearn is an essential tool for RSN105. It is used to communicate with students, post resources and useful links. All students must log on to iLearn at the beginning of the session and check for updates regularly.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

• For technical support go to: http://mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help
• For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/guides.htm

Unit Schedule

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)
Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

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- Quiz 2
Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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