

# **RSN 305**

## **Women in Russian Culture**

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#### **General Information**

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Prerequisites

39cp at 100 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This general education unit is conducted in English and no knowledge of Russian is required. The study material is designed to suit both students who want to study Russian culture in English and students who want to improve their knowledge of the Russian language. The unit examines how women of various social strata were affected by and shaped historical changes, and how women's lives are connected with broader cultural, social and political transformations. There is no examination at the end of this unit. Assessment is by two essays and two assignments.

### Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

## **Learning Outcomes**

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

To obtain good knowledge of gender issues in the context of Russian history (from the 18th century to the present day).

To analyse the impact of the politics of the State on the life of Russian women during different periods of time.

To be familiar with historical contributions made by Russian women.

To make a well-grounded comparison of images of Russian women in literature, folklore, art and film.

### **General Assessment Information**

Indicative examples of assessment tasks will be available on iLearn.

### **Assessment Tasks**

| Name    | Weighting | Hurdle | Due |
|---------|-----------|--------|-----|
| Quiz 1  | 20%       | No     | TBA |
| Quiz 2  | 20%       | No     | TBA |
| Essay 1 | 25%       | No     | TBA |
| Essay 2 | 35%       | No     | TBA |

#### Quiz 1

Due: TBA

Weighting: 20%

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- To be familiar with historical contributions made by Russian women.
- To make a well-grounded comparison of images of Russian women in literature, folklore, art and film.

### Quiz 2

Due: TBA

Weighting: 20%

On successful completion you will be able to:

· To obtain good knowledge of gender issues in the context of Russian history (from the

18th century to the present day).

- To analyse the impact of the politics of the State on the life of Russian women during different periods of time.
- To be familiar with historical contributions made by Russian women.
- To make a well-grounded comparison of images of Russian women in literature, folklore, art and film.

## Essay 1

Due: TBA

Weighting: 25%

1000 words

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- · To be familiar with historical contributions made by Russian women.
- To make a well-grounded comparison of images of Russian women in literature, folklore, art and film.

## Essay 2

Due: TBA

Weighting: 35%

1500 words

On successful completion you will be able to:

- To obtain good knowledge of gender issues in the context of Russian history (from the 18th century to the present day).
- To analyse the impact of the politics of the State on the life of Russian women during different periods of time.
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## **Delivery and Resources**

### Required textbook:

B. Engel, Women in Russia, 1700-2000 Cambridge University Press, 2004

The textbooks are available through the Co-op Bookshop at Macquarie University

#### TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

#### **Online Unit**

Login is via: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/

**Is my unit in iLearn?:** <a href="http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/">http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/</a> to check when your online unit will become available.

#### **Technology**

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

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn by the end of Week 1 and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package prior to Week 2.

Please contact your course convenor **before** the end of **Week 1** if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- For central technical support go to: <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/about\_us/offices\_and\_unit">http://www.mq.edu.au/about\_us/offices\_and\_unit</a>
   s/information\_technology/help/
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: <a href="http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/studen">http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/studen</a>
  t\_info/guides.htm

## **Unit Schedule**

| Week One   | Life of women in Russia in the times before and after Peter the Great                                  |
|------------|--|
| Week Two   | The rule of Catherine the Great and her role in the continuation of reforms of Peter the Great.        |
| Week Three | Women in cultural life, religious life and charity in Russia in the 18th - 19 <sup>th</sup> centuries. |

| Week Four        | The life of peasants and peasant women in Russia in the 18th century. Female characters in Russian fairy tales and Eastern Slavic mythology. |
|------------------|--|
| Week Five        | New ideas about feminism. Women in the liberation and revolutionary movement in Russia in the second half of the 19th century.               |
| Week Six         | Women in revolution  |
| Week<br>Seven    | The myth of the New Soviet Woman   |
| Week Eight       | Women in World War II  |
| Week Nine        | Stalinism and creation of mythical icon of woman-hero  |
| Week Ten         | Female characters in Russian and American films  |
| Week<br>Eleven   | Women's contribution to music of the Soviet era  |
| Week<br>Twelve   | New Russia and its heroines  |
| Week<br>Thirteen | New Russia and its heroines  |

## **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:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy\_2016.html

Grade Appeal Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public <a href="http://www.mq.edu.a">http://www.mq.edu.a</a> u/policy/docs/complaint\_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\_studies/policy.html">http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\_studies/policy.html</a>

Special Consideration Policy (in effect from Dec 4th, 2017): <a href="https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration">https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration</a>

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the <u>Learning and Teaching Category</u> 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/

#### 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 <a href="extraction-color: blue} eStudent</a>. For more information visit <a href="eask.m">ask.m</a> q.edu.au.

### Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <a href="http://students.mq.edu.au/support/">http://students.mq.edu.au/support/</a>

#### **Learning Skills**

Learning Skills (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 Services and Support

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

### Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

### IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/about\_us/">http://www.mq.edu.au/about\_us/</a> offices\_and\_units/information\_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the <u>Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy</u>. 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:

#### **Learning outcomes**

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#### Assessment tasks

- Quiz 1
- Quiz 2
- Essay 1
- Essay 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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

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#### Assessment tasks

Quiz 1

- Quiz 2
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## Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

#### Learning outcomes

- To analyse the impact of the politics of the State on the life of Russian women during different periods of time.
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#### Assessment tasks

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- Essay 2

#### **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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcome

• To obtain good knowledge of gender issues in the context of Russian history (from the 18th century to the present day).

#### **Assessment tasks**

- Quiz 1
- Quiz 2
- Essay 1
- Essay 2

## Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

#### Learning outcome

• To obtain good knowledge of gender issues in the context of Russian history (from the 18th century to the present day).

#### **Assessment tasks**

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- Quiz 2
- Essay 1
- Essay 2