



RUSS3030

Russia: Myth and Facts

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2020

Department of International Studies

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

80cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is taught in English. The unit surveys the history of Russia through different events that have caused controversial discussions among scholars. Students explore a range of views and interpretations of historical affairs and learn about the mysteries that surrounded the reign of various tsars, as well as the problems of the Soviet period. The events discussed are set against the rich background of the political and cultural history of Russia from the eighteenth to the twentieth century.

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:

ULO1: Describe the major developments in the political and cultural history of Russia from the eighteenth century to the present day.

ULO2: Analyse a range of views and interpretations of historical affairs and learn about the mysteries that surrounded the reign of various tsars, as well as problems of the Soviet time.

ULO3: Demonstrate an understanding of the way Russian history is understood, through the critique of published research.

ULO4: Synthesize acquired knowledge and understanding to produce a critical analytical essay.

ULO5: Communicate information accurately and clearly using oral and written forms.

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Essay 1	25%	No	Week 12
Quiz 2	20%	No	Week 10
Essay 2	35%	No	Week 13
Quiz 1	20%	No	Week 7

Essay 1

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **25%**

Students are required to choose one question (out of two or more options) and respond to it in an essay. The essay question options and instructions will be provided in iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the major developments in the political and cultural history of Russia from the eighteenth century to the present day.
- Analyse a range of views and interpretations of historical affairs and learn about the mysteries that surrounded the reign of various tsars, as well as problems of the Soviet

time.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the way Russian history is understood, through the critique of published research.
- Synthesize acquired knowledge and understanding to produce a critical analytical essay.
- Communicate information accurately and clearly using oral and written forms.

Quiz 2

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **20%**

Quiz 2 is based on the unit content up to and including the week of the quiz (i.e. seminars, essential readings and any other relevant materials). This quiz may include the following question types: multiple choice, true/false, short response and medium response.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the major developments in the political and cultural history of Russia from the eighteenth century to the present day.
- Analyse a range of views and interpretations of historical affairs and learn about the mysteries that surrounded the reign of various tsars, as well as problems of the Soviet time.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the way Russian history is understood, through the critique of published research.
- Synthesize acquired knowledge and understanding to produce a critical analytical essay.
- Communicate information accurately and clearly using oral and written forms.

Essay 2

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **35%**

Students are required to choose one question (out of two or more options) and respond to it in an essay. The essay question options, as well as all instructions will be provided in iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the major developments in the political and cultural history of Russia from the eighteenth century to the present day.
- Analyse a range of views and interpretations of historical affairs and learn about the

mysteries that surrounded the reign of various tsars, as well as problems of the Soviet time.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the way Russian history is understood, through the critique of published research.
- Synthesize acquired knowledge and understanding to produce a critical analytical essay.
- Communicate information accurately and clearly using oral and written forms.

Quiz 1

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

Quiz 1 is based on the unit content up to and including the week of the quiz (i.e. seminars, essential readings and any other relevant materials). This quiz may include the following question types: multiple choice, true/false, short response and medium response.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the major developments in the political and cultural history of Russia from the eighteenth century to the present day.
- Analyse a range of views and interpretations of historical affairs and learn about the mysteries that surrounded the reign of various tsars, as well as problems of the Soviet time.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the way Russian history is understood, through the critique of published research.
- Synthesize acquired knowledge and understanding to produce a critical analytical essay.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Delivery: Fully online

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

Is my unit in iLearn?: <http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/> 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. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

- 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: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students>

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.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from **Policy Central** (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the **Student Policy Gateway** (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit **Policy Central** (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

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

Learning Skills

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

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and 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.

Student Enquiries

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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.