

Summary Information

Module Code	5105HIST
Formal Module Title	The Soviet Experiment, 1917-1991
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Abigail Karas	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
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Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	22

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
			12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. An understanding of the early Soviet state and its relationship to society.2. Knowledge and skills to understand, identify and critically assess different kinds of source material.3. Analytical, written and communication skills developed through workshops and assessments.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Comprehend and assess the most important political, social and cultural aspects of Soviet history.
MLO2	Evaluate and analyse the historiography of the Soviet Union.
MLO3	Engage in historical debate about the social and cultural transformations during the Soviet period.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
Beginning with the revolutionary year of 1917, this module examines the lifespan of the Soviet “experiment”. From the avant-garde 1920s to the so-called “evil empire” of the 1980s, the interlocking political, cultural and social dynamics of the Soviet Union will be explored. The module introduces students to key themes in Soviet history such as the New Economic Policy, industrialisation and collectivisation, the Terror, Stalinism, the “thaw”, late socialism, and perestroika, with state policies assessed in terms of their impact on society. In workshops students analyse a diverse range of source material, including primary documents, film, music, and art, which will help to provide a sense of “lived experience” and a fuller understanding of life inside Soviet Russia. You will also read and discuss the most important debates in Soviet history. The module will highlight the different processes of change over time and how these might be assessed in terms of interpreting the overall Soviet experience.

Module Overview
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Additional Information

1. Russia of the Tsars, 2. War and Revolutions 3. The Roaring Twenties, 4. Industry and Agriculture, 5. The Terror, 6. Great Patriotic War, 7. Post-war Soviet Russia, 8. Thaw to Freeze, 9. The Soviet Seventies, 10. Beginning of the End, 11. The Soviet Experiment Today

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	2000 word portfolio	40	0	MLO2, MLO1, MLO3
Essay	Long Essay	60	0	MLO2, MLO1, MLO3