

The Soviet Experiment, 1917-1991

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5505SRCHEL
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

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Southern Regional College

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	22

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-PAR	PAR	January	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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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Comprehend and assess the most important political, social and cultural aspects of Soviet history.
MLO2	2	Evaluate and analyse the historiography of the Soviet Union.
MLO3	3	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	
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)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	2000 word portfolio	40	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3
Report	Long Essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Kathryn Walchester	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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