

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Soviet Body Politics: Sport, Leisure and Health, 1917-1945
Status: Definitive
Code: **6108HIST** (122243)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 35

Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 165

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Online	2
Seminar	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS2	Long Essay 4000 words	70	
Report	AS1	Written Report 2000 words	30	

Aims

- 1. Introduce students to Bolshevik concepts of the body, and how these related to wider social, political, economic and cultural issues.*
- 2. Provide students with an in-depth understanding of the early Soviet state and society, developing their analytical, critical, and communication skills.*

3. Equip students with the knowledge and skills to understand, identify and critically assess different kinds of source material.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Discuss and clearly articulate important concepts with reference to examples studied in class.
- 2 Demonstrate a nuanced and sophisticated understanding of historiographical themes and context pertaining to the Soviet Union, 1917-1945.
- 3 Engage in historical debate about early Soviet approaches to building a new society and be able to contextualize these within the larger modernity project.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Long Essay	1	2	3
Written Report	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

The human body was a key part of the Bolshevik project and this module explores how the Soviet body was deconstructed, constructed, and reified during the interwar period. In this module we will examine body politics and the larger effort to organize and reshape society through sport, leisure and health. This process will highlight the different processes of change over time and how these might be assessed in terms of interpreting the Soviet experience. Drawing on diaries, photographs, archive material and film, this module will deal with the social, cultural, and political changes occurring the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 1930

Learning Activities

Lectures, Seminars, Online

Notes

1. Broken Bodies: War, Revolutions, & Famine, 2. Health, Hygiene and Physical Culture. 3. Making Women Soviet. 4. Youth Culture 5. Brave New World: Soviet Science and the New Man 6. Affirmative Action Empire, 7. The Right to Rest, 8. Looking West: Totalitarian Bodies, 9. Displaying Bodies: Sport and Parades 10. Shadow of War. 11. Revisions/Consultation