This course is a continuation of History 2233, Nineteenth Century Imperial Russian History, 1805-1917, carrying on the story with the Bolshevik’s seizure of power in the 1917 October Revolution and the conditions which made it possible. Teeter-tottering on the verge of collapse during Russia’s subsequent civil war period, the period of foreign intervention, and the war with Poland, the Bolshevik government was able to maintain itself, albeit at considerable costs to its supposed ideological roots. With the death of Lenin and Stalin’s rise to power, the Russian government came to assume dictatorial powers, where the party – and thus its leader – reigned supreme over all aspects of Soviet life. It was under Stalin that the Soviet Union was guided through the Great War of the Fatherland and into the Cold War era. Stalin’s policies were ruthlessly enacted, at great costs to the Russian citizens. Attempts at liberalization were undertaken by Khrushchev, Stalin’s successor, but such attempts were short-lived. Khrushchev’s successors restored proper orthodoxy to government policies and Soviet society continued to take a backseat to the demands of international cold war competition. By the mid-1980s, the Soviet economy showed signs of imminent collapse a situation which even the young and energetic new Russian leader, Mikhail Gorbachev could not reverse, ironically making him not the savior but the unintentional funeral director of the socialist system in Russia.

While some of the ideological underpinnings of Russia’s socialist regime will have to be considered, the main emphasis of the course will be on intellectual-social history. No claim to completeness is being made and rather than proceeding strictly in a chronological fashion, the focus will be on selected major events. The lectures will concentrate on specific subjects and may range beyond the material covered in the textbook.

Students of this course will be given a collection of primary documents augmenting the material covered and are expected to acquaint themselves with the relevant document texts prior to their discussion in class.

Examinations will include questions drawn from assigned readings, lectures, and in-class discussions.

**TEXTBOOK:** Peter Kenez. *A History of the Soviet Union from the Beginning to the End.*

**EXAMINATIONS AND DUE DATES:**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** HELP is available, but YOU will have to communicate any difficulties you may encounter to me. Office hours will be held Mondays through Fridays, except on non-teaching days. See schedule posted on the office door.

**ALL** assignments **must be completed and submitted on the date specified.** There will be **no make-up exams** and late papers will be penalized **10% per day**, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
COURSE OUTLINE: INTRODUCTION:
KARL MARX * RUSSIA, 1905 * OCTOBER MANIFESTO *

FEBRUARY 1917: OF WAR AND REVOLUTION:
RUSSIA AND THE WAR * THE FEBRUARY REVOLUTION * PERIOD OF DVOEVLASTIE * BREAD RiOTS AND STRIKES * ORDER NO. 1, THE BOLSHEVIKS, AND KERENSKY'S OFFENSIVE * TWILIGHT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT * BOLSHEVIK PREPARATIONS * TROTSKY IN OCTOBER * SECOND ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS OF SOVIETS * LENIN TAKES COMMAND * ALLIED INTERVENTION AND WAR COMMUNISM *TREATY OF BREST-LITOVSK * FIRST ANTI-BOLSHEVIK COALITION: KOLCHAK * THE WAR WITH POLAND * SECOND ANTI-BOLSHEVIK COALITION * END OF WAR WITH POLAND, END OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION * IMPACT OF CIVIL WAR ON SOCIETY AND PARTY.
Kenez, chap. 2.

NEW DIRECTIONS, NEW LEADERS, 1921-1927:
THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS IN 1921 AND THE NEAR COLLAPSE OF THE REGIME * THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP) TO THE RESCUE * COMPETITION FOR LENIN'S MANTLE * "PERMANENT REVOLUTION" VS. "SOCIALISM IN ONE COUNTRY" * DEATH OF LENIN * STALIN'S EMERGING SUPREMACY.
Kenez, chap. 3.

BUILDING THE TRUE SOCIALIST STATE, 1928-1935:
COMMUNISM IN ONE COUNTRY * THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN * THE BIRTH OF THE KOLKHOZ: THE FARM COLLECTIVIZATION PROGRAM * INDUSTRIALIZATION BY "PLAN" * "DIZZY WITH SUCCESS".
Kenez, chaps. 3,4.

PURGES AND CONSOLIDATION, 1935-1939:
Kenez, chap.5

THE FORTUNES OF WAR, 1939-1953:
Kenez, chaps.6,7.

ATTEMPTS AT REFORM I: THE KHRUSHCHEV ERA, 1953-1964:
FIRST STEPS OF THE NEW REGIME * FALL OF BERIA * AGRICULTURE AND POLITICS * NEW LOOK IN FOREIGN POLICY * THE TWENTIETH PARTY CONGRESS AND DE-STALINIZATION * PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE * TURMOIL BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN: POLAND AND HUNGARY * U-2, BERLIN, AND CUBA * SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE * TROUBLES IN AGRICULTURE * KHRUSHCHEV'S FALL FROM GRACE.
Kenez, chap. 8.
THE PENDULUM SWINGS BACK: THE BREZHНЕВ ERA, 1964-1982:
RULE OF THE TROIKA * RESTORATION OF STABILITY AND PROPER ORTHODOXY * PROCLAMATION OF THE BREZHНEV DOCTRINE AND THE END OF THE "SPRING OF PRAGUE * ECONOMIC STAGNATION * AFGHANISTAN * ANDROPOV AND CHERNENKO *

Kenez, chap. 9.

ATTEMPTS AT REFORM II: THE GORBACHEV REVOLUTION, 1985-1991:
RISING STAR: MIKHAIL GORBACHEV * PERESTROIKA AND GLASNOST * THE SOVIET ECONOMY * CHERNOBYL DISASTER * WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN * NEW CONGRESS OF PEOPLES' DEPUTIES WITH ELECTED SEATS ANNOUNCED * CENTRIFUGAL TENDENCIES OF GORBACHEV'S REFORM PROGRAM * RISING NATIONALISM, END OF COMMUNIST MONOPOLY * TWENTY-EIGHTH PARTY CONGRESS * ECONOMIC DISASTER AND SOCIAL TENSIONS * YELTSIN RESIGNS FROM THE PARTY * THE "VODKA PUTSCH" * DEMISE OF THE USSR.

Kenez, chap. 10.

TERM PAPERS:
Choose one of the topics below to write on. Essays should be 3,500 words in length (max.), legible and double spaced. They MUST contain a title page, footnotes to your sources of information as well as a bibliography.
Your paper MUST contain a bibliography of at least six sources (apart from course textbook) that you have used in its preparation. REMEMBER: a term paper requires a critical analysis of your chosen subject, a reading and weighing of points of view advanced by experts in the subject area. A laundry list of facts and generalizations, or a mere recitation of events DOES NOT meet the requirements of critical analysis.

Late papers will be penalized 10% per day, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

1. The Bolshevik Revolution
2. Soviet Art and Artists.
3. Lenin and the NEP Plan
4. Kronstadt Revolt
5. Stalin’s Consolidation of Power
6. Cold War and the East Bloc
7. Fall of Beria
8. De-Stalinization
9. Sputnik
10. The Sino-Soviet Split
11. Ouster of Khrushchev
12. Brezhnev Orthodoxy
13. Afghanistan
14. Stagnation: The Soviet Economy
15. Gorby Revolution
For additional materials consult the bibliography available on the Langara Library website for this course.

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