

HIST 744 – Fall 2016
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1. Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained. Failure to adequately acknowledge the sources used in essays is plagiarism
2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

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The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the

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Term Work and Percentage Value of Final Grade

Task	Value	Due
Participation	35%	ongoing
Essay Proposal/Outline and Bibliography	25%	Week of 17 October 2016
Rough Draft Due		Week of 28 November 2016
Final Essay (25 pages)	40%	Week of 19 December 2016

Late Penalty and Absences

There is a late penalty of 3% per day for all late assignments. Extensions or other accommodations will be determined by the instructor and will only be considered if supported by appropriate documentation. Absences of less than 5 days may be reported using the McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF) at www.mcmaster.ca/msaf/. If you are unable to use the MSAF, you should document the absence with your faculty office. In all cases, it is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the instructor immediately to see if an extension or other accommodation will be granted, and what form it will take. There are NO automatic extensions or accommodations.

The Nature of the Assignments

Participation

This portion of your grade is based on attendance and participation in discussion.

Essay Proposal and Bibliography

You can choose to write either a research essay, a historiographic essay, or an essay that employs a particular methodological approach. Essay topics will be designed in close consultation with the instructor. Students are asked to prepare a developed proposal for their essay. The proposal should outline how you intend to argue and structure the paper and it should be accompanied by a significant bibliography. Outline length 8-10 pages excluding bibliography.

Rough Draft

Submitted to me for feedback.

Final Paper

Your paper topic will be developed in close consultation with the instructor. The paper should be approximately 20 to 25 pages in length. Please use footnotes or endnotes in the format provided by the *Chicago Manual of Style*. The entire *Chicago Manual of Style* is available to the McMaster Community online through the Mills Library site. I prefer footnotes. Do not use internal citation to reference your work in the research paper.

The Course

Week of 5 September 2016 - 1917

Steinberg, *Voices of Revolution*
H-Russia discussion of *Voices of Revolution*

Week of 12 September 2016 – Civil War

Selections from *The Complete Works of Isaac Babel*. Norton, 2005.

Week of 19 September 2016 – 1920s

Naiman, *Sex in Public*. Princeton, 1999.

Week of 26 September 2016 – 1920s

McDonald, *Face to the Village*. Toronto: 2011

Week of 3 October 2016

Hellbeck. *Revolution on My Mind*. Harvard, 2009

Michael David-Fox, "Multiple Modernities vs. Neo-Traditionalism: On Recent Debates in Russian and Soviet History," *Jahrbucher fur Geschichte Osteuropas*, vol. 54, no. 4 (2006), pp. 535-555

Week of 10 October 2016

Garros et al, *Intimacy and Terror*. New Press, 1995

Week of 17 October 2016

Kotkin. *Magnetic Mountain*. California, 1997.

Igal Halfin and Jochen Hellbeck, Rethinking The Stalinist Subject: Stephen Kotkin's "Magnetic Mountain" And The State Of Soviet Historical Studies," *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* [Germany] 1996 44(3): 456-463.

Week of 24 October 2016

Fainsod, *Smolensk Under Soviet Rule*. Harvard, 1958.

Week of 31 October 2016

Getty. *Road to Terror*. Yale, 1998.

Week of 7 November 2016

Stephen Wheatcroft, 'The Scale and Nature of German and Soviet Repression and Mass Killings, 1930-45', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 48, 8, December 1996, pp. 1319-1353.

Robert Conquest, 'Victims of Stalinism: A Comment', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 49, 7, 1997, pp. 1317-1319.

S. G. Wheatcroft, 'Victims of Stalinism and the Soviet Secret Police: The Comparability and Reliability of Archival Data—Not the Last Word', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 51, 2, 1999, pp. 315-345.

John Keep, 'Wheatcroft and Stalin's Victims: Comments', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 51, 6, 1999, pp. 1089-1092

Robert Conquest, 'Comment on Wheatcroft', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 51, 8, 1999, pp. 1479-1483.

Wheatcroft, Stephen. "The Scale and Nature of Stalinist Repression and Its Demographic Significance: On Comments by Keep and Conquest." *Europe-Asia Studies* 52 (6) (September 2000): 1143-1159.

Week of 14 November 2016 – Gulag

Mochulsky. *Gulag Boss*. Oxford, 2010.

Brown, Kate. "Out of Solitary Confinement: The History of the Gulag." *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*. Volume 8, Number 1 (Winter 2007), pp. 67-103 (Review)

Week of 21 November 2016

Grossman, *Writer at War*. Vintage, 2007.

Week of 28 November 2016

Brown, *Plutopia*. Oxford, 2013.

Week of 5 December 2016

Ledeneva, *Russia's Economy of Favours*. Cambridge, 1998.