

## History 354

### History of Russia

Fall 2009

#### Assignments and Examinations

##### Examinations:

There will be **two mid-term examinations**, each worth 100 points. They are tentatively scheduled for **October 1** and **November 5**. Make-up examinations must be arranged (not necessarily taken) within three days after the regularly scheduled examination.

The exams will include essay and short identification questions. Study guides will be provided approximately one week prior to each exam. All exams are to be written in **Blue Books**. The **final examination** (which will be partly comprehensive) will be held at the officially scheduled time during finals week: 3:30 - 5:30, Tuesday, December 15). It will also be worth 100 points.

##### Map quizzes:

There will be two map quizzes, each worth 25 points. They will be given **September 24 and November 19**. (For each map quiz, you will receive a list of map items to locate. The actual items on the map quizzes will be taken from those lists. To assist in studying for the map quizzes, an historical atlas, such as the Hammond *Historical Atlas of the World* or a similar volume is highly recommended, in addition to the maps in the Riasanovsky text. A copy of the Hammond *Historical Atlas of the World* will be on reserve in Preus library.) On each quiz, you will be given a list of approximately 15 - 20 items, of which you must identify 12. Each item is worth two points: one point for proper identification, and one for correct spelling. (If the text and *the Hammond Historical Atlas of the World* use more than one spelling for any item, the study guide will list those that are acceptable on the quizzes.)

##### Research Paper:

You are required to write a research paper (approximately 10 – 12 pages--worth 100 points), dealing with a major development in any area of Russian history or culture you choose (e.g., a significant historical development, a major historical or cultural figure, movements or significant developments in such fields as painting, music, literature, science, technology, etc.). The choice is yours--but **ALL TOPICS MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY ME**. (I will also give suggestions if you cannot think of a topic on your own.) The paper must be based on research in suitable library sources, and must be properly documented (footnotes, etc., **using CMS format**). Although you may also consult Internet resources, **AT LEAST THREE** of your sources must come from **PRINTED** sources, **NOT INCLUDING THE TEXT ASSIGNED FOR THIS**

COURSE. (“Internet resources” do not include “Wikipedia” articles, which may not be included in the paper.)

All papers are due NO LATER THAN Tuesday, **November 17**. Papers submitted by **November 3** may be rewritten, and resubmitted (by November 17) with the possibility of receiving a higher grade. (Only the higher score will be counted if the paper is rewritten.) Papers which are submitted after the assigned deadline will be penalized 10 points per class period they are late, to a maximum 50 point penalty. Failure to submit a research paper will result in failure in the course.

TOTAL: 450 points

**Violations of the Honor System will be referred to the Honor Council, which will assess the appropriate penalties.**