



Course Syllabus
War, Culture and Society in Russia 1800-2020

Krig, kultur och samhälle i Ryssland 1800-2020

Course Code	2MH086	Main Field of Study	History with specialisation in Military History
Valid from Semester	Spring 2024	Department	Department of War Studies and Military History
Education Cycle	Advanced level	Subject	History with Specialization in Military History
Scope	7.5	Language of Instruction	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	A1N	Decided by	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	Decision date	2023-06-13
Revision	1.0		

Entry Requirements

A Bachelor's degree majoring in the humanities or social sciences, or an Officers' degree to the value of at least 180 credits, including a thesis/final paper to the value of at least 15 credits. English-language skills equivalent to English 6 or English B is required (a Swedish Bachelor's degree fulfils the English proficiency requirement).

Course Content and Structure

The aim of the course is to enable the student to independently present an overview of the causes and consequences of war and conflict in Russia, the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire, and in Central Asia from ca. 1800 up to 2020. War and warfare also includes cultural and social phenomena.

The course consists of an introductory lecture and independent research to enable the student to understand, from an historical perspective, the main aspects of Russian warfare in the modern period. Immersive seminars and workshops provide deeper investigations into the course themes whilst also giving the students possibility to develop their oral presentation abilities. In sum, the course provides the students with a setting in which to gain a well-rounded understanding of warfare in Russia, the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire and Central Asia. The course concludes with a home exam on the main themes covered in this module.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate expertise and understanding of Russian military history, with a particular emphasis on the relationship between war, culture and society in Russia, the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire and Central Asia,

Competence and skills

- demonstrate writing and oral skills to discuss research in military history with reference to this particular geographical area,
- apply a holistic approach to the field with regard to war, culture and society in Russia, the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire and Central Asia,

Judgement and approach

- identify the need of additional knowledge with regards to Russian military history and be able to take responsibility for their own continued scientific development.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

Assessment

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Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The course is assessed by the student's active and constructive participation in mandatory seminars and through individual written home exam.

The examiner may determine that supplementary work is required in order to achieve a passing grade. In this case the student will have three working days to complete the supplementary work once agreed, unless previously accepted exceptional circumstances apply. Exams which are submitted after the due date will not be marked unless the examiner has previously accepted exceptional circumstances.

Grading

Grading is conducted on a three-point grading scale: Fail (U), Pass (G) and Pass with Distinction (VG). Grading criteria are reported at the latest at the start of the course.

To achieve the grade pass with distinction (VG) on the course the student has to achieve the grade pass with distinction (VG) on the home exam and the grade pass (G) on seminars. To achieve the grade pass (G) on the course the student must achieve the grade pass (G) on the home exam and the grade pass (G) on seminars.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be included in a degree with another course whose content fully or partially corresponds to the content of this course.

Transitional Provisions

When the course is no longer offered or when the course content has changed substantially, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-term period in accordance with this syllabus.

Miscellaneous

If the Swedish Defence University has formally decided that the student is entitled to receive special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

Upon the completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director, which will form the basis for any changes to the course.



Reading List

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