Russian 306 D: Course Outline

**Time:** Tue/Thu 11am - 2pm, Buch B 208
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“Yes, man is broad, too broad, indeed. I'd have him narrower”, famously said one of Dostoyevsky’s characters.
In this course we will witness an intricate interplay between human passions and reason, aspirations and duty, as they presented themselves to the great Russian writers of the 19th century. We will read a number of shorter salient works by Pushkin, Gogol, Lermontov, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Leskov and Chekhov, and see if their contemplations about human weaknesses and vices are relevant to our present day.

**Grade breakdown**

| Attendance | 5% |
| Group/class work | 20% |
| Midterm | 35% |
| Final paper, at-home, 1000 words | 40% |
Reading List:

Alexander Pushkin, “Queen of Spades” in the Anthology
Nikolai Gogol, “Overcoat” in the Anthology
Mikhail Lermontov, A Hero of Our Time book
Fyodor Dostoevsky, “The Meek One” will place on Canvas book
Leo Tolstoy, The Cossacks
Nikolai Leskov, “Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District” in the Anthology
Anton Chekhov, “The Darling” in the Anthology

Reading Schedule

Tue, May 17  Introduction. Historical, cultural and social backgrounds.

Thu, May 19  Alexander Pushkin “Queen of Spades” – reading DUE

Tue, May 24  Nikolai Gogol “Overcoat” DUE

Thu, May 26  Mikhail Lermontov A Hero of Our Time, (Part One (I) “Bella”) DUE

Tue, May 31  Mikhail Lermontov A Hero of Our Time (the rest) DUE

Thu, June 2   Fyodor Dostoevsky “The Meek One” DUE

Midterm

Tue, June 7   Lev Tolstoy The Cossacks (Chapters I-X) DUE

Thu, June 9   Lev Tolstoy The Cossacks (Capters XXI - XXX) DUE ZOOM SESSION (not in-person)

Tue, June 14  Lev Tolstoy The Cossacks (the rest) DUE

Thu, June 16  Nikolai Leskov, “Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District” DUE

Tue, June 21  Anton Chekhov, “The Darling” DUE

June 25 (11:59pm) – FINAL PAPER DUE: submit to TurnItIn (more details will be provided later)