

RUSSIAN 206 (3)
Nineteenth-century Russian Literature
MWF 11:00-12:00, Buchanan D222



Time: MWF 11:00-12:00, Buchanan D219

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Course description:

“Yes, man is broad, too broad, indeed. I'd have him narrower”, said famously one of Dostoyevsky’s characters.

Giant Russian writers as Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, Gogol, Turgenev, Lermontov and Pushkin are renowned for probing the depth of the human soul. In this course, we will witness the rise of the great Russian novel and read several salient literary works of the 19th century, which is the period traditionally called the “Golden Age of Russian literature”.

Classes will use a combination of lecture and discussion formats. No prerequisites are required. All course material is in English.

Grade breakdown options:

Russ 206	Russ 306
Short quizzes (5) 35%	Reflection/Discussion Questions 50%
Test/ paper 15%	
Final paper 45%	Final paper 45%
Attendance 5%	Attendance 5%

There is no *participation mark* but the instructor reserves the right to honour above-average participation with an overall mark increase.

Reading List:

Alexander Pushkin, “Queen of Spades” (posted on Canvas)

Nikolai Gogol, “Overcoat” (posted on Canvas)

Mikhail Lermontov, *A Hero of Our Time*

Ivan Turgenev, *Fathers and Sons*

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment*

Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*

REQUIREMENTS **RUSS 206** :

SHORT QUIZZES (35%):

- Online
- Multiple choice/short answer

MIDTERM OPTIONS (either one 15%):

1. Short paper *Crime and Punishment* (15%):

- Apprx. 2-3 pages, Times New Roman 12, double-spaced
- Include your own reflections and critical thinking
- Text Quotations to support your thoughts

2. Test on *Crime and Punishment* (15%):

- Online
- Same as Quizzes but longer

FINAL PAPER (45%):

- On *Anna Karenina*
- Due Dec.16 (there is a standard 2% mark deduction per each late day)
- 5-6 pages, Times New Roman 12, double-spaced
- Include your own reflections and critical thinking + some basic research
- Text Quotations to support your thoughts
- Bibliography

ATTENDANCE (5%):

Each class, I will send a signing sheet around. Please remember to sign next to your name.

REQUIREMENTS **RUSS 306A**:

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (50%):

- *Before each discussion (by 11am)*, students of Russ 306A are expected to submit their short reflections **online**; and be prepared to facilitate class discussion based on their reflections/questions.

FINAL PAPER (45%):

- On *Anna Karenina* or *Crime and Punishment*
- Due Dec.16 (there is a standard 2% mark deduction per each late day)
- 5-6 pages, Times New Roman 12, double-spaced
- Include your own reflections and critical thinking + some basic research
- Text Quotations to support your thoughts
- Bibliography

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Important Class Policies

- PLEASE do not use electronic devices other than for class work (definitely – turn off your cell phone and put it away!!!)
- To participate actively it is essential that students come to class prepared by carefully reading all necessary texts. Please BRING YOUR READINGS TO CLASS.
- Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and will not be tolerated. To prevent plagiarism, you will use the TurnItIn Services for your Papers.