

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21

Course title: Russia in Revolution the USSR and after		Course ID: C2227775
Start date: 14/01/2021	End date: 25/03/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 09:00
Number of sessions: 10	Hours per session: 2	Tutor: David Prynne
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 1
Fee: £64.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<p>Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p>Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p>Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p>Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement Culture Education 		

<p>Course Aim</p> <p>The course examines why this most backward of the Great Powers was the first to embark on the "socialist experiment", the reasons for the fall of the USSR, and subsequent developments in post-Soviet Russia.</p>
<p>Course Description</p> <p>Russia of the Tsars, and the Soviet Union that replaced it after the 1917 Revolutions, covered one-sixth of the world's land surface. Why was backward Tsarist Russia the first to embark on the "socialist experiment"? How did the USSR survive economic and political isolation? What led to its collapse? From Lenin to Putin – the course assesses the Soviet Union that replaced the Russia of the Tsars, and post-Soviet Russia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problems of Tsarist Russia and the First World War; the Russian Revolutions of 1917 • The Communist regime - Brest Litovsk Treaty, Civil War, War Communism, the New Economic Policy • The rise of Stalin; Stalin's revolution; collectivisation; Five Year Plans; totalitarian control; the Great Patriotic War • Stalin and the Cold War; Stalin's successors from Khrushchev to Brezhnev • Gorbachev and the fall of the USSR; Russia from Yeltsin to Putin; Russia today
<p>Do I need any particular skills or experience?</p>

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Indicate reasons for the collapse of Tsarist Russia
2. Show how the Bolsheviks came to power in Russia
3. Explain how the USSR was able to survive isolation
4. Suggest reasons for the fall of the USSR
5. Assess Russia's place in the world today

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- We will email you links to Canvas and Zoom, so please accept these to access the course; the sender will show as "instructure". Without these you will not be able to access the course. It is a good idea to do this well before the course starts so if you have issues you can contact us to let us know.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- You will be able to keep a record of your progress and achievement using photos, audio, text or documents uploaded into the WEA's digital learning platform, WEA Canvas.
- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>
- You will need a personal email address to join the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas so that you can receive resources, record your progress and achievement and to work with others and share ideas. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- You will have access to course resources and links to wider learning through the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as

a WEA member

- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>
- Russian language courses. Further research and reading using local libraries and record offices, e.g. connections between Russia and East Anglia through the ages.

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB
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