

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26HS108	HISTORY OF USSR (1917-1964)	04

Course Objectives

- To understand the political transformation of Russia from Tsarist rule to the establishment of the Soviet Union, including major revolutions of 1917.
- To examine the Russian Civil War and consolidation of Bolshevik power, along with the roles of key leaders such as Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin.
- To analyze the economic and political changes in Soviet Russia, including the New Economic Policy, Stalin's Five-Year Plans and the impact of industrialization and central planning.
- To evaluate the role of the USSR in World War II and the Cold War, including major battles, internal purges and post-war leadership under Khrushchev and de-Stalinization policies.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course it is intended that a student will be able to:

- Identify key events, treaties, and leaders in modern Russian history such as the February Revolution, October Revolution, NEP, Stalinist policies and Cold War developments.
- Explain major historical processes including the fall of Tsarism, Bolshevik Revolution, Civil War, industrialization under Stalin and Soviet participation in World War II.
- Apply historical concepts and ideas to interpret political, economic and social transformations in Russia from 1917 to the post-war period.
- Analyze causes and consequences of major events such as the Russian Revolution, Civil War, Great Terror, Nazi-Soviet Pact and Cold War tensions.
- Critically assess Soviet policies and leadership decisions, including NEP, Five-Year Plans, de-Stalinization and Khrushchev's reforms.
- Construct informed historical interpretations and arguments on the rise, consolidation and global impact of the Soviet Union in the 20th century.

Unit 1 - Russia and the First World War (12 Hrs.)

Tsar Nicholas II: the last Emperor of Russia; February Revolution; Provisional Government (1917); October Revolution; Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (1918).

Unit 2 – Russian Civil War (12 Hrs.)

Russian Civil War; Red Army (Bolsheviks); White forces (anti-Bolsheviks); Green forces (peasant groups); major leaders: Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, Joseph Stalin.

Unit 3 - New Economic Policy (1921) (12 Hrs.)

Origins and causes of the NEP; features and measures; supporters and critics; Stalin's rise to power and shift to Five-Year Plans.

Unit 4 – Russia and World War II (12 Hrs.)

Great Terror (1936–1938); Nazi-Soviet Pact (1939); German invasion of the Soviet Union; Siege of Leningrad; Battle of Stalingrad; Cold War rivalry with the United States.

Unit 5 - Russia after World War II (12 Hrs.)

Khrushchev Era (1953–1964); de-Stalinization and the Secret Speech; fall of Khrushchev; Soviet foreign policy during the Cold War; Hungarian Revolution (1956).

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COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping – 26HS108

Course Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall facts and explain the basic ideas and concepts about the background of USSR and about the nature and course of Russian revolution.	K1, K2
CO2	Use the information in new situations and apply the basic understanding about various Russian revolutionaries and revolutionary leaders such as Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, Joseph Stalin.	K3
CO3	Analyze Understand the Economic policies and measures under Stalin's, its rise and changing approach to New Economic Policy and development of five-year plan.	K4
CO4	Evaluate the events and transition of Russia from the Great Terror to the Nazi-Soviet, about the invasion of the World War II and the process of Cold War rivalry with the United States.	K5
CO5	Design and construct new ideas and concepts on the early years, struggle over de-Stalinization, soviet foreign policy in the Age of the Cold war, and Hungarian Revolution.	K6

BTL (Bloom's Taxonomy Level) - K1 – Remembering, K2 – Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6 – Create

Relationship Matrix – 26HS108

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of Cos
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1.6
CO2	1	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2.2
CO3	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2.5
CO4	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	2.7
CO5	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2.7
Total													2.3

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low