# COURSE DETAIL

## LIVING THE REVOLUTION: THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIET UNION, 1917-1991

**Country**
Norway

**Host Institution**
University of Oslo

**Program(s)**
University of Oslo

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
History

**UCEAP Course Number**
114

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

**UCEAP Official Title**
LIVING THE REVOLUTION: THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIET UNION, 1917-1991

**UCEAP Transcript Title**
HIST SOVIET UNION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**
8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

**Course Description**

This course covers the tumultuous history of the Soviet Union, as seen through the eyes of those who experienced it first-hand. Through English-language translations of primary sources, the course introduces students to the perspectives of the visionary actors who called for the creation of a revolutionary new society, following them into their participation in projects of vision and of violence, the perspectives of the many victims of revolutionary upheaval and their forms of opposition, and the ambivalent voices of the many who were caught in between. Our discussions address many of the prominent themes in the historiography of the Soviet Union: the relationship between state and society and center and periphery; forces of change and continuity in political, intellectual, scientific, social, and cultural life; the development of Soviet nationalities policy; revolutionary politics and the cultural revolution; Stalinism; mass mobilization during World War II; the development of Soviet influence in East-Central Europe and of the Communist world; the re-launch of the Soviet project under Khrushchev; stagnation and the rise of Russian nationalism in the late Soviet period; and the causes of the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
HIS2428

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**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**
Humanities

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
History, Archaeology and Conservation Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**
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