

HIST 345: RUSSIA FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO PETER THE GREAT  
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Most course materials are in the Knight Library or the course webpage (see URL below). **There is no textbook for this course**, but you will purchase a lab book (let's call it "the journal" -- see exercise#1 below).

Here is a basic calendar of the term's three dramatic deadlines =

**!! oc15 (MO):----- FIRST SUBMISSION OF JOURNAL at end of class meeting**  
**!! oc31 (WE):----- MIDTERM EXAM IN JOURNAL, written during class meeting**  
**!! de07 (FR at 10:15am): --- FINAL EXAM IN JOURNAL, written in regular classroom**

First, **exercise#1** = Purchase and set up your journal. Ask at the customer service desk in the basement of the UO Book Store for a blue lab book (**the larger one, 11x9 inches; Stock # 43-581, JUST EXACTLY THIS ONE**). The first thing I want you to do with your journal is paste a white label securely to the **outer upper right-hand corner** of the front cover (a mailing label will do). Boldly inscribe your name there. Inscribe other personal contact info on the inner face of the cover, and leave the first 4-5 numbered pages blank for keeping your own table of contents through the term, indicating sources consulted. It is your responsibility here to provide a paginated guide to each part of your journal. Leave page 120 blank for instructor comments & grading. In this journal you will enter lecture notes, keep a record of library work and webpage work, research and write seven take-home "draft" essays, & write your midterm & final exams.

Second, **exercise#2** = Locate **on the internet** and hop to this course, listed on the following webpage =

<http://uoregon.edu/~kimball/courses.htm>

On this page, click on HIST 345 for our specific extended electronic syllabus. You'll go there often this term.

**Add that internet address to your web-browser "favorites" page, or on a "tab".**

These first two and ten further exercises are listed and explained in detail on that specific electronic course webpage. Everything is organized in a weekly schedule of events.

**ABOUT GRADES:** Draft essays & exams are due at the time the class meets on the days specified. Late exercises are penalized one grade. Exercises AWOL 24 hours after due date are given a failing grade. Failure to complete any one of the essays or exams will result in a failing grade for the course. Unpenalized postponement of an exercise is possible only when documented illness or happenstance forces delay, or when arranged in writing beforehand. If you attend class regularly, keep good lecture notes, devote nine hours of your outside-of-class study-week to your reading & writing, & keep a good record in your journal, you may be sure that you are meeting course expectations.