

# 131-406 Aspects of Stalinism

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 2 contact hours/week , 8 additional hours/week. Total of 8.5 hours per week.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Usually admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in history (or in a relevant program) or enrolment in a relevant coursework Masters program
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This advanced seminar examines key aspects of the nature of the Soviet political system under Stalin, especially as we now understand them in the light of new archival materials. It also considers the way in which these problems have been viewed by historians in the past. The problem of labelling certain aspects and excluding them from further critical discussion is a key element both of Stalinism and of studies of this phenomena.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># should gain an improved understanding of how the political system under Stalin worked and of how historians have analysed this system;</li> <li># should be able to appreciate the way in which labels have been applied to the policies of the time, but should also be able to penetrate below the labelling to appreciate the nature of the political problems studied.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available at beginning of semester
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># show an advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the specialist area;</li> <li># be able to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline;</li> <li># have an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research.</li> </ul>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of International Studies Postgraduate Certificate in International Studies Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	History History History