

PSCI 3440
Russian and Central Asian Politics
Exam II Study Guide
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- This list of questions is provided to guide your review. I do not promise that any of the longer essay exam questions will be among those you find below (although some might). But if you can provide *detailed* and *sophisticated* answers to these questions, you should do very well.
- If a question calls for a 10 minute response, don't write for 20. You may provide an excellent answer, but will sacrifice elsewhere. Similarly, if a question calls for 20 minutes, don't stop at 10.
- If you finish very early, you probably haven't said enough. *The biggest reason for poor performance on exams is brevity. Your goal is to demonstrate to us that you have not only memorized information, but that you understand it.*
- Be thorough, but at the same time don't fill your answers with fluff (content that really doesn't say anything).
- It is essential that you bring an **exam book** to the exam. There will be a 5% deduction from your score if you do not.

Study questions for short-answer essay questions (10 minute responses). Three of these questions will be on the exam (as is); you'll be required to answer two. Note: a one or two-sentence "drive by" response will be inadequate. Use the full ten minutes to flesh out a detailed response.

1. Shiraev discusses the new foreign policy priorities identified by Putin when he came to power. What were the measures he took to achieve them? (This is wholly from the text.)
2. According to Cummings, the only time the whole of "Inner Asia" was unified was under Genghiz Khan. What are the various ways we might understand the boundaries of the region and what is included?
3. How have Central Asian leaders kept themselves in power (other than the obvious of manipulating elections)?
4. What are the various reasons Russia gave to justify the occupation, then annexation of Crimea?

Study questions for longer essay questions (20 minute responses). These are not necessarily the questions you will see, but if you can answer these well, you'll be prepared.

1. How has the relationship between Russia and the US evolved since the collapse of the Soviet Union? Draw from class, Shiraev and Lukin.
2. Discuss the evolution of Central Asia into what it is today.
3. What is a "color" revolution? What has been their impact?
4. Discuss three frozen conflicts. What are the roots of the conflicts and why are they still unresolved? Draw from class, the Euractiv article, and the NPR broadcast.