

Colleges Prepare 'Cossack Science' Classes

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Four colleges in southern Russia will start offering Cossack classes Tuesday in an attempt to train a new generation of Cossack chieftains, or "atamans," a local television station reported.

The "Cossack Science" classes will teach Cossack culture, history and traditions, Cossack ataman Nikolai Doluda [told](#) NTK television.

Students taking the classes at the four colleges will be primarily graduates of Cossack cadet corps, which now have the same status as Suvorov military schools, a privileged military-oriented boarding school for teenagers, the news report said.

There are currently four Cossack cadet corps in the Kuban region, a territory that includes the Krasnodar region, the republics of Adygea and Karachayev-Cherkessia, and parts of the Stavropol region, it said.

A Kremlin reform of Cossack organizations unveiled last month will see Cossack groups

throughout the country folded into one structure with a leader approved by the president, Gazeta.ru [said](#).

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