

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester I, 1981-82

History 120 Europe and the Modern World, 1815 to the Present Mr. Hamalainen

Course Description

History 120 explores the major political, social, cultural and economic trends and changes in nineteenth and twentieth century Europe. There will be an emphasis on certain critical and crucial developments and problems rather than on comprehensiveness. Thus, the course will involve an attempt to go into some depth on some central issues rather than make an effort to cover superficially everything of some importance in European history in the period. The following kind of general topics will form and encompass the core of the course: demographic changes and changes in occupational and socio-economic structures; impact and nature of romanticism, conservatism, liberalism, nationalism, nation building, imperialism, socialism, communism, fascism, racism, and national socialism on European society; continuity and changes brought about by revolutionary experiences; the effect and importance of the two world wars, and the post-war period.

Lectures

There will be two lectures a week followed by questions and discussion as time may permit. A number of historical and/or documentary films will be shown. In addition, students are required to attend a supplementary 50-minute discussion section directed by the teaching assistant.

Written assignments and exams

There will be three 50-minute examinations, each dealing with roughly one-third of the course. All examinations will consist of essay and short identification questions. The students who have enrolled for four credits shall write an eight page essay which analyzes some aspect of the required reading.

Grading system

The course grade will roughly be determined by the following indicators: each examination counts for about 25% and discussion group participation, the essay, and lecture attendance make up the remaining 25%. Some consideration will also be given to the trend of performance in terms of whether it is going up or down.

Required readings (all the listed books are paperbacks)

Clough, etc., European History in World Perspective, vol. III, Modern Times (Heath)
Karl Marx, Communist Manifesto
John Stuart Mill, On Liberty (Penguin)
Edward Bernstein, Evolutionary Socialism: A Criticism and Affirmation (Schocken)
Emmanuel Ringelblum, Notes from the Warsaw Ghetto. The Journal of Emmanuel Ringelblum, edited by Jacob Sloan (Schocken)
Andrei Sakharov, Sakharov Speaks, edited by Harrison E. Salisbury (Vintage)
M. Djilas, Conversations with Stalin.

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LECTURES

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READINGS IN THE TEXT

Week	I	August	31	Introduction	pp. 1058
		September	2	Decline of the old class structure	
	II		7	The rise of a new business elite	
			9	Formation of a new middle class	1108
	III		14	Liberalism versus reaction	
			16	Mid-century revolutions	1151
	IV		21	Mid-century revolutions and new political forces	
			23	Victories of nationalism	1237
	V		28	General trends	1281
			30	<u>I EXAMINATION</u>	
	VI	October	5	European states before I WW	
			7	European states before I WW	1349
	VII		12	Russia and Ottoman Empire	1433
			14	First World War	1474
	VIII		19	Peace Settlements	
			21	Consequences of the war	
	IX		26	The new order and re-alignments on the continent	1525
			28	Continuation	
	X	November	2	Rise of Nazi Germany & "Rise of Adolf Hitler"	1580
			4	<u>II EXAMINATION</u>	
	XI		9	The road to II WW and "Josef Goebbels"	
			11	Movie "Warsaw Ghetto"	
	XII		16	Initial phase of the II WW	
			18	Europe under German Domination	
	XIII		23	Second phase of II WW	1613
			25	THANKSGIVING	
	XIV		30	Europe divided and "Night and Fog"	1740
		December	2	Movies "Russia: Russian peasant" and "People under communism today"	1761
	XV		7	Movies "Germany: the road of return" and "USSR: Soviet citizen and his community"	
			9	Recent trends in Europe	1785