

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
Semester II

History 120

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EUROPE AND THE MODERN WORLD, 1815 TO THE PRESENT

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 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).

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LECTURES

<u>Week</u>				<u>Readings in the Text</u>
I	January	20	Introduction . . . . .	pp. 1058
	January	22	Decline of the old class structure	
II	January	27	The rise of a new business elite	
	January	29	Formation of a new middle class . . . . .	1108
III	February	3	Liberalism versus reaction	
	February	5	Mid-century revolutions . . . . .	1151
IV	February	10	Mid-century revolutions and new political forces	
	February	12	Victories of nationalism . . . . .	1237
V	February	17	General trends . . . . .	1281
	February	19	<u>I EXAMINATION</u>	
VI	February	24	European states before I WW	
	February	26	European states before I WW . . . . .	1349
VII	March	3	Russia and Ottoman Empire . . . . .	1433
	March	5	First World War . . . . .	1474
VIII	March	10	Peace settlements	
	March	12	Consequences of the war	
IX	March	24	The new order and re-alignments on the continent	1525
	March	25	Continuation	
X	March	31	Rise of Nazi Germany & "Rise of Adolf Hitler" .	1574
	April	2	<u>II EXAMINATION</u>	
XI	April	7	The Road to II WW and "Josef Goebbels"	
	April	9	Initial phase of the II WW	
XII	April	14	Movie, "Warsaw Ghetto"	
	April	16	Europe under German Domination	
XIII	April	21	Second phase of II WW . . . . .	1613
	April	23	Europe divided and "Night and Fog"	
XIV	April	28	Movies: "Russia: Russian peasant" and "USSR: Soviet citizen and his community" . . . . .	1761
	April	30	Recent trends	
XV	May	5	Recent trends . . . . .	1785
	May	7	Movie: "People under Communism today"	

REQUIRED TEXTS

Hans Kohn, Nationalism. Its Meaning in History.

Karl Marx, Communist Manifesto. International Publishers

Emmanuel Ringelblum, Notes from the Warsaw Ghetto. The Journal of Emmanuel Ringelblum, edited by Jacob Sloan (Schocken).

Walter Laqueur, The Terrible Secret. (Penguin)

M. Djilas, Conversations with Stalin. (Harbrace)

Andrei Sakharov, Sakharov Speaks, edited by Harrison E. Salisbury (Vintage)

Clough etc. European History in World Perspective. vol. III (Heath)

Ivan Turgenev, Fathers and Sons Bantam