

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

Semester II Year 1980-81

COURSE NO.      COURSE TITLE      INSTRUCTOR Mr. Hauner  
History 356      Europe Between the Wars, 1919-1939

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide a general survey of European interwar history. The emphasis will center on two major themes: the socio-political changes in the traditional states of Europe, as well as in the successor states of East-Central and Southern Europe which represented the major areas of postwar instability. The second center of attention will belong to the rise of totalitarian ideologies, Communism, Fascism and Nazism, in their respective countries. There will be a close examination of the Appeasement Era and the causes leading to the outbreak of the Second World War.

LECTURES

There will be two lectures each week, followed by brief questions thereafter. Three films will be also shown on the historical background of Hitler's and Stalin's ascendancy to power, in addition to Leni Riefenstahl's "Triumph of the Will".

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

There will be one-hour written examination in mid-March, and another one at the beginning of May. 4-credit students must prepare a special take-home essay, preferably on further reading.

GRADING SYSTEM

3-credit students: each exam 50%; 4-credit students: 25% and 35% for the first and second exams, paper 40%.

REQUIRED READINGS

R.J.Sontag, A Broken World, 1919-1939 (Harper)  
A.J.P.Taylor, The Origins of the Second World War (Fawcett)  
A.Bullock, Hitler: A Study in Tyranny (Torch)  
I.Deutscher, Stalin (O.U.P.)  
E.Weber, Varieties of Fascism (Anvil)

Optional: W.Laqueur, Weimar: A Cultural History (Putnam's Capricorn)