

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
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History 357

THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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Course Description:

This is a general course in the history of the Second World War, which will be studied in its full worldwide dimensions, beginning with its origins in World War I and the pressures of the revolutionary revisionist powers against the old world order. The main attention will be focused on the six war years of 1939-45 in both the Asian and European theaters. Development of the military struggle itself will receive major emphasis, but the political, social and economic dimensions of the conflict will also be studied. The course concludes with a brief analysis of the postwar settlement, the problems resulting therefrom and the beginning of the Cold War.

Lectures:

There will be two lectures each week, averaging about 50 minutes each. A number of films will be shown and there will also be some time for questions and discussion during the lecture periods. Moreover, there will be at least one optional discussion period at a time or times to be announced.

Written Assignments and Exams:

There will be two 75-minute exams, each based on the material covered in the lectures and required readings. In addition, each student registered for ~~three~~ credits must prepare a brief research paper or essay on further reading or some special topic, the nature of which must be defined by individual consultation no later than February 17.

Three credit option: Those who register for three credits only will be required to take both the exams, attend all classes and do the required reading but will not be expected to write a research paper or essay.

Grading System:

The final grade will be weighted approximately as follows: Exams 38% each, paper 24%. (For three-credit students, exams about 50% each.)

Required Reading: (both paperbacks)

B. H. Liddell Hart, History of the Second World War (Capricorn), 2 vols.
Norman Rich, Hitler's War Aims (Norton), 2 vols.

Reserve Reading List

Joachim Fest	Hitler
K. D. Bracher	The German Dictatorship
Dietrich Orlow	History of the Nazi Party 2 vols.
A. J. P. Taylor	Origins of the Second World War
Keith Eubank	Munich
B. H. Liddell Hart	History of the Second World War
Gordon Wright	The Ordeal of Total War
John Lukacs	The Last European War
Anthony Cave Brown	Bodyguard of Lies
William Stevenson	A Man Called Intrepid
F. W. Deakin	The Brutal Friendship
Sir Ivor Kirkpatrick	Mussolini
D. Mack Smith	Mussolini's Roman Empire
James Crowley	Japan's Quest for Autonomy
James W. Morley	Dilemmas of Growth in Prewar Japan
Frank Dorn	The Sino-Japanese War
Borg & Okamoto	Pearl Harbor as History
Norman Rich	Hitler's War Aims 2 vols.
R. Wheatley	Operation Sea Lion
Alan Clark	Barbarossa
Albert Seaton	The Russo-German War
Correlli Barnett	The Desert Generals
Gerald Reitlinger	The Final Solution
Alan Milward	The German Economy at War
Herbert Feis	Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin
John L. Gaddis	United States and Origins of the Cold War
Foster R. Dulles	America's Rise to World Power
Robert Paxton	Vichy France
Alexander Dallin	German Rule in Russia
Jozo Tomasevich	The Chetniks