

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
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 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, each student will be assigned to a required discussion section at 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 15.

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 (all paperbacks):

B. H. Liddell Hart, History of the Second World War, 2 vols., Capricorn.
Joachim Remak, Origins of the Second World War, Prentice-Hall.
Norman Rich, Hitler's War Aims, Vol. I, Norton.
John Toland, The Rising Sun, Bantam.
Gordon Wright, The Ordeal of Total War, Harper Torchbooks.

Schedule of Topics

Readings

January

- 23 The Era of World Wars
- 25 Fascism and Nazism
- 30 The Hitler Regime

Remak, 3-10, 43-55; Rich, xi-xxxii
Rich, xxxii-21
Rich, 21-77.

February

- 1 Stalin's Russia: The Militarization of
Socialism
- 6 Open
- 8 The Rise of Imperial Japan
- 13 The Sino-Japanese War
- 15 Expansion of Nazi Germany
- 20 Outbreak of War in Europe
- 22 The Fall of France
- 27 Open

Toland, 1-46
Toland, 46-76
Remak, 10-31, 55-91; Rich, 81-110
Remak, 31-40, 92-119; Rich, 111-131;
Wright, 1-19; Liddell Hart, 3-32
Liddell Hart, 33-86; Rich, 132-156;
Wright, 19-28.

March

- 1 The Battle of Britain
- 6 Mussolini's Parallel War
- 8 The German Invasion of Russia
- 13 German Occupation Policy
- 15 FIRST EXAM
- 27 Japan's Road to Pearl Harbor
- 29 The Japanese Offensive in the Pacific

Liddell Hart, 87-108; Rich, 157-164;
Wright, 28-32
Liddell Hart, 109-139; Rich, 165-203
Liddell Hart, 140-170; Remak, 135-148;
Rich, 204-223; Wright, 32-41
Wright, 107-143

Toland, 76-239; Remak, 120-135, 149-
173; Rich, 224-250; Liddell Hart,
199-211
Toland, 241-492; Liddell Hart, 212-
238, 343-369.

Schedule of Topics (Continued)

Readings

April

3	Open	---
5	The Final Solution	Wright, 123-129
10	The Russo-German War to Stalingrad	Liddell Hart, 239-265; Wright, 42-43
12	The Economic War	Wright, 44-106
17	The Battle of the Atlantic	Liddell Hart, 370-394; Wright, 167-173
19	From North Africa to Italy	Liddell Hart, 171-198, 266-342, 397-476; Wright, 182-194
24	The War in the Pacific, 1943-44	Toland, 493-832; Liddell Hart, 498- 520, 613-638
26	The Bombing Offensive	Liddell Hart, 589-612; Wright, 174- 182.

May

1	The Russo-German War, 1943-44	Liddell Hart, 477-497, 569-598
3	Allied Wartime Diplomacy	Wright, 204-233
8	The End of the War, 1944-45	Liddell Hart, 523-568; 639-698; Toland, 833-992; Wright, 144-166, 194-203
10	Casualties and Consequences	Wright, 234-267
15	World War III?	---
17	SECOND EXAM (Option to take on this date or at scheduled time in Exam Week.)	

Reserve Reading List

Guy Wint and Peter Calvocoressi	Total War
John Toland	Adolf 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 and Okamoto	Pearl Harbor as History
Norman Rich	Hitler's War Aims, 2 vols.
R. Wheatley	Operation Sea Lion
Alan Clark	Barbarossa
James F. Dunnigan	The Russian Front
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
R. V. Jones	The Wizard War.