

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I--1984-85

History 359

Europe Since 1945

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an advanced level survey of European history since the end of World War II. It will begin with four introductory lectures on major features of European affairs during the era of world wars and will then concentrate on the principal developments in political change, economic growth, social transformation and international relations since 1945. Attention will be evenly divided between eastern and western Europe, with some emphasis on the evolution of the Soviet Union, Europe's only remaining "great power." Individual topics are indicated in the lecture outline, and the events of the past decade will not be neglected. An effort will be made throughout to place in broader historical perspective the events of this most recent period of European history.

LECTURES

There will be three lectures each week, punctuated and/or followed by questions and discussion. In addition, there will be one further discussion period at a time to be announced.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

There will be three hours of written examinations, a one-hour six weeks exam and a two-hour final. All students must submit a four-page book review by November 26 that deals either with some major aspect of the required reading, a book from the supplementary list or another book approved by the instructor.

In addition, all students registered for four credits must also prepare a full-length research paper or a special essay on further reading (12 to 15 pages in length), the nature and topic of which must be defined through individual consultation with the instructor no later than October 1. These papers are also due on November 26. Graduate students registered for credit should consult with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

The final grade will be determined as follows:

For <u>3-credit</u> students,	final 60%, 6 weeks exam 30%, essay 10%
For <u>4-credit</u> students,	final 46%, 6 weeks exam 23%, essay 6%, research paper 25%.

REQUIRED READINGS

R. F. Byrnes, ed., After Brezhnev (Indiana)
R. Carr and J. P. Fusi, Spain: Dictatorship to Democracy (Allen & Unwin)
T. Rakowska-Harmstone, ed., Communism in Eastern Europe (Indiana)
Claire Sterling, The Terrorist Network (Holt, Rinehart)
Roland N. Stromberg, After Everything (St. Martin's)
Text: Walter Laqueur, Europe Since Hitler (Penguin)

Schedule of Topics

Readings

September

5	Introduction: European History in the Era of World Wars	---
7	World War I and the Soviet System	---
10	Fascism, National Socialism and World War II	Laqueur, 13-40
12	The Soviet Victory	---
14	The Welfare State and Postwar Recovery	Laqueur, 40-56, 62-66
17	Beginning of the Cold War	Laqueur, 100-17
19	From the Greek Civil War to NATO	Laqueur, 117-29
21	Reemergence of Germany and Italy	Laqueur, 56-62, 89-100
24	The Soviet Empire	Laqueur, 79-89
26	Soviet Union in the Postwar Decade	Laqueur, 67-79
28	Post-Fascist Survivals: Spain and Portugal	Carr & Fusi, 1-53, 104-23

October

1	Open	---
3	Movement Toward European Integration	Laqueur, 129-39, 420-25
5	Open	---
8	'SIX WEEKS EXAM	
10	The Great Prosperity	Laqueur, 179-231, 243-76
12	The New Culture	Stromberg, 1-180 Laqueur, 279-345
15	Political Centrism in Western Europe	Laqueur, 139-61, 459-67, 472-81, 484-89
17	The Death of Stalin and its Consequences, 1952-56	Laqueur, 161-76
19	DeStalinization and the Hungarian Revolution	Laqueur, 346-97 Rakowska, 86-95
22	Western Decolonization and De Gaulle's Fifth Republic in France	Laqueur, 397-400, 415-20 440-50, 467-72
24	The Khrushchov Regime and the Missile Crisis	Laqueur, 231-43, 401-15, 409-96
26	The Brezhnev Regime in the Soviet Union	Byrnes, 1-41 Laqueur, 425-32, 496-97
29	Films on Hungary and Czechoslovakia	---
31	Open	---

November

2	Film on Charles de Gaule	---
5	"Socialism with a Human Face"	Rakowska, 115-24 Laqueur, 432-40, 450-59
7	The Economic and Social Transformation of Spain	Carr & Fusi, 53-103, 123-88 Laqueur, 481-83
9	End of the Great Prosperity	Laqueur, 509-25
12	Crisis of Social Democracy	Laqueur, 526-36 Stromberg, 180-247
14	The Portuguese Revolution, I	Laqueur, 545-48
16	The Portuguese Revolution, II	---

Schedule of Topics, Continued

Readings

November, Continued

19	Democratization of Spain	Carr & Fusi, 189-258 Laqueur, 542-45 Sterling, 172-201
21	Evolution of the Soviet Satellites	Rakowska, 49, 95-114, 124-381 Laqueur, 498-505, 563-64
23	Soviet Union in the 1970s	Byrnes, 68-121, 186-289; Laqueur, 549-63
26	Detente and Nuclear Strategy	Byrnes, 125-85 Laqueur, 565-69
28	Third Phase of Soviet Expansionism	Byrnes, 345-422
30	Solidarnosc: The Abortive Polish Revolution	Byrnes, 290-344 Rakowska, 50-85

December

3	Andropov and Chernenko	Byrnes, 41-67, 423-40
5	Terrorism	Sterling, 1-171, 202-309
7	Italy in the 1970s and 80s	Laqueur, 536-42
12	Swing to the Right: Thatcher's England	---
14	Socialism in Southern Europe	---
16	New Alternatives	---