History 348: France from the Revolution to the Great War, 1799-1914

This course will examine the political, social, and cultural history of France from the rise of Napoleon in 1799 to the outbreak of the First World War. We will follow France's long and difficult road toward democracy, while paying particular attention to the changing nature of French culture and society.

Requirements: Students are required to do the reading and participate in class discussions. The assigned readings should be completed by each Friday class session. All students take the final examination, write one five page paper, due Friday October 3, and one 6 page paper due Wednesday November 26. In addition, 4 credit students write a 6 page paper due Monday November 3. Paper topics will be distributed in advance. We will discuss the readings on Fridays during class time (see weeks marked "discussion" below); if necessary I will schedule an additional time for discussions that will be announced early on in the semester. Attendance and participation in discussion sessions is required. Grading will be based on class participation, the papers, and the examination.

Books are available for purchase at the University bookstore and are also on 3 hour reserve in Helen C. White library.

I will hold office hours on Mondays between 11 and 1. You can also speak with me after class to set up an alternative meeting time.

Required Books

Jeremy Popkin, A History of Modern France (Prentice Hall)
Honoré de Balzac, Père Goriot (Penguin Books)
Karl Marx, The Civil War in France (New York, 1988)
Emile Zola, Germinal (Penguin Books)
Alain Corbin, The Village of Cannibals (Harvard)
Week I. (September 3) Introduction: Social Geography of France

Introduction
The Social and Political Geography of France


Week 2. (September 8) The Revolution and Napoleon

The Heritage of the Revolution
Napoleon – Domestic Aspects
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Week 3. (September 15) From Napoleon to the Revolution of 1830

Napoleon -- War, Expansion and Defeat
The Restoration
The Revolution of 1830

Popkin, *A History of Modern France*, chapters 11, 12, 13

Week 4. (September 22) The July Monarchy

*No Class, Monday September 22*

The July Monarchy
**Discussion**: Père Goriot.

Week 5. (September 29) From the Revolution of 1848 to the Second Empire

*** Friday October 3 *** All students: five page paper due in class

The Revolution of 1848
The Rise of Louis Napoleon
The Second Empire and the War of 1870

Popkin, *A History of Modern France*, chapters 14, 15, 16

Week 6. (October 6) The Paris Commune and its Aftermath

The Paris Commune
From the Conservative to the Radical Republic, 1871-1898

Popkin, *A History of Modern France*, chapter 17
Week 7. (October 13) The crisis of the Third Republic

Général Boulanger
Anti-Semitism
**Discussion**: Karl Marx, *The Civil War in France*, pp. 36-85;

Popkin, *A History of Modern France*, chapters 18, 19

Week 8. (October 20). Peasants, Workers, and Private Life

The Peasantry in the Nineteenth Century
Workers
Private Life

Week 9. (October 27) Rural Society and the Dreyfus Affair

The Dreyfus Affair
**Discussion**: Alain Corbin, *The Village of Cannibals*

No Class, Friday October 31
Popkin, *A History of Modern France*, chapter 20

Week 10. (November 3) Women and Sexuality

*** Monday November 3 *** Four credit students: six page paper due in class

Women
Private Life: Sexuality

Week 11. (November 10). Colonies and Socialism

Colonial Empire
Socialism

Week 12. (November 17) Religion and Immigrants

Immigrants
Religion
**Discussion**: Traugott, *The French Worker*, pp. 183-248; 250-308; 309-335

Week 13. (November 24) Education and Religion
*** Wednesday November 24 ***  All students: six page paper due in class ***

Separation of Church and State
Education

No Class – Friday November 28.  Thanksgiving

Popkin, A History of Modern France, chapters 21, 22

Week 14.  (December 1)  Culture and Class

   The Bourgeoisie
   Mass Culture
   **Discussion:** Emile Zola, *Germinal*

Week 15.  (December 8)  France on the Eve of the War

   Diplomacy and the Army
   France on the Eve of the War
   Review and Summary

**Final:**  Friday December 19, 12:25 pm