

Department of History
University of Wisconsin
Semester I 82-83

History 120

Europe and the Modern World, 1815 to the present Hamalainen

Course Description History 120 explores the major political, social, cultural and economic trends and changes in nineteenth and twentieth century Europe. There will be an emphasis on certain critical and crucial developments and problems rather than on comprehensiveness. Thus, the course will involve an attempt to go into some depth on some central issues rather than make an effort to cover superficially everything of some importance in European history in the period. The following kind of general topics will form and encompass the core of the course: demographic changes and changes in occupational and socio-economic structures, impact and nature of romanticism, conservatism, liberalism, nationalism, nation building, imperialism, socialism, communism, fascism, racism, and national socialism on European society; continuity and changes brought about by revolutionary experiences; the effect and importance of the two world wars, and the post-war period.

Lectures There will be two lectures a week followed by questions and discussion as time may permit. A number of historical and/or documentary films will be shown. In addition, students are required to attend a supplementary 50-minute discussion section directed by the teaching assistant.

Written assignments and exams

There will be three 50 minute examinations, each dealing with roughly one-third of the course. All examinations will consist of essay and short identification questions. The students who have enrolled for four credits shall write an eight page essay which analyzes some aspect of the required reading.

Grading system

The course grade will roughly be determined by the following indicators: each examination counts for about 25% and discussion group participation, the essay, and lecture attendance make up the remaining 25%. Some consideration will also be given to the trend of performance in terms of whether it is going up or down.

Required readings (all the listed books are paperbacks)

Clough, etc., European History in World Perspective, vol. III Modern Times (Heath)

Karl Marx, Communist Manifesto

John Stuart Mill On Liberty (Penguin)

Emmanuel Ringelblum, Notes from the Warsaw Ghetto. The Journal of Emmanuel Ringelblum, edited by Jacob Sloan (Schocken)

Walter Laqueur, The Terrible Secret. Penguin

M. Djilas, Conversations with Stalin. Harbrace

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READINGS IN THE TEXT	
Week I	August 31 Introductionpp. 1058
	September 2 Decline of the old class structure
II	7 The rise of a new business elite
	9 Formation of a new middle class 1108
III	14 Liberalism versus reaction
	16 Mid-century revolutions 1151
IV	21 Mid-century revolutions and new political forces
	23 Victories of Nationalism..... 1237
V	28 General Trends 1281
	30 <u>I EXAMINATION</u>
VI	October 5 European States before I WW
	7 European states before I WW1349
VII	12 Russia and Ottoman Empire1433
	14 First World War1474
VIII	19 Peace Settlements
	21 Consequences of the war
IX	26 The new order and re-alignments on the continent 1525
	28 Continuation
X	November 2 Rise of Nazi Germany & "Rise of Adolf Hitler 1580
	4 <u>II EXAMINATION</u>
XI	9 The road to II WW and "Josef Goebbels"
	11 Movie "Warsaw Ghetto"
XII	16 Initial phase of the II WW
	18 Europe Under German Domination
XIII	23 Second phase of II WW 1613
	25 THANKSGIVING
XIV	30 Europe Divided and "Night and Fog"1740
December	2 Movies "Russia: Russian peasant" and "People under communism today"1761
XV	7 Movies "Germany: the road of return" and "USSR: Soviet citizen and his community"
	9 Recent trends in Europe1785