

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1984-85

| <u>COURSE NO.</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> | <u>INSTRUCTOR</u> |
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| 120 | Europe and the Modern World, 1815 to the Present | Fishman |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will begin with a discussion of the aftermath of the era of the French Revolution and Napoleon; the new social and political forces which were created and the efforts to suppress and contain them, especially nationalism and liberalism. Other themes which we will examine are: the growth of the industrial system; the triumph of middle class society; the rise of socialism; Darwin and the new science; the spread of European civilization; the Great War of 1914-1918; the rise of totalitarianism; World War II; and Europe in the age of super-powers and nuclear weapons.

LECTURES

The course will consist of three lectures each week and one discussion section to be conducted by a teaching assistant.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

There will be a six-week and twelve-week examination as well as a final examination. Students taking the course for four credits will be expected to write a research paper of five to ten pages in length.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades will be compiled on the basis of all available evidence.

REQUIRED READINGS

A textbook, R.R. Palmer and Joel Coulton, will be used as well as source readings from a number of paperback editions, the selection of which has not yet been completed (June 15, 1984).