

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester II, 1989-90

History 356

Mr. Payne

EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS, 1919-1939

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an advanced level survey of European history between the wars. It will stress the most distinctive new developments of the period, particularly those resulting from World War I and leading to World War II. Considerable attention will be given to the development of the Soviet system, but the major emphasis will be on the rise of fascism and nazism, which will be studied in the broader European context. There will also be extended examination of the Spanish Republic and Civil War. The course will close with a discussion of the concept of an "era of fascism" and the immediate background of world War II.

LECTURES

There will be three lectures each week, punctuated and/or followed by questions and brief discussion. In addition, there will be a fourth discussion period at times 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 five-page essay evaluating one of the volumes of required reading (or some other scholarly book related to the course and approved by the instructor or teaching assistant) no later than April 11.

In addition, all students registered for four credits must also prepare a full-length research paper or an extended essay on further reading (15 pages or more in length), the nature and topic of which must be defined through individual consultation with the instructor or teaching assistant no later than February 28. These papers are due on April 30. Graduate student registered for credit should consult with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

The final grade will be determined as follows:

For 3 credit students: discussion group participation 12%, essay 12%, 6 weeks exam 25%, final 50%

For 4 credit students: discussion group participation 10%, essay 10%, research paper 20%, 6 weeks exam 20%, final 40%.

REQUIRED READINGS

H. Carrere d'Encausse, Lenin: Revolution and Power (Longman)
Alan Cassels Fascism (Harlan Davidson)
S. G. Payne, The Spanish Revolution (Norton)
Jackson Spielvogel, Hitler and Nazi Germany (Prentice Hall)

TEXTBOOK: Raymond Sontag, A Broken World, 1919-1939 (Harper)

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

January

	<u>Readings</u>
22 World War I and its Consequences	no assignment
24 The Postwar Settlement	Sontag, 1-32
26 The Russian Revolution	Sontag, 33-45; Carrere, 1-66
29 The Civil War and the Leninist System	Sontag, 69-79; Carrere, 67-101
31 Formation of the USSR	Carrere, 102-49

February

2 A Radical Alternative: National Socialism	Cassels, vii-20
5 The Postwar Italian Crisis	Sontag, 79-85; Cassels, 22-48
7 The Rise of Fascism	Cassels, 48-54
9 The Mussolini Regime	Sontag, 139-47; Cassels, 54-67
12 The Postwar Crisis in Eastern Europe	Sontag, 61-69
14 France in the 1920s	Sontag, 111-38
16 Britain Between the Wars	Sontag, 86-110
19 The Weimar Republic in Germany	Sontag, 45-60; Spielvogel, 1-20
21 Film: "From Kaiser to Fuehrer"	No assignment
23 Weimar Society & Culture	Sontag, 209-35
26 SIX WEEKS EXAM	
28 The Bolshevik Power Struggle: The Triumph of Stalin	Sontag, 147-60; Carrere, 150-90

March

2 Collectivization and the Five-Year Plans	Carrere, 191-231
5 The Great Terror	Sontag, 253-61
7 Military Growth and Expansion	No assignment
9 Adolf Hitler and the Rise of National Socialism	Cassels, 81-116 Spielvogel, 20-52
12 The Great Depression	Sontag, 172-235
14 The German Crisis of 1930-33	Sontag, 160-71; Cassels, 116-29 Spielvogel, 53-67
16 Video: "Caudillo"	No assignment
26 The National Socialist System	Sontag, 261-68; Cassels, 129-67 Spielvogel, 67-189
28 Austria	Cassels, 191-209
30 Hungary	Cassels, 209-16

April

2	Romania	Cassels, 216-25
4	France in the 1930s	Sontag, 269-80; 295-99; Cassels, 230-43
6	Film: "Triumph of the Will"	No assignment
9	Neosocialism and Social Democracy	Cassels, 225-29; 243-62
11	A Democratic Alternative in Southwest Europe: The Second Spanish Republic, 1931-33	Payne, 1-129
16	Breakdown of the Spanish Republic	Payne, 130-214
18	The Spanish Revolution	Payne, 215-313
20	The Spanish Civil War	Payne, 314-74; Cassels, 168-91
22	Fascist Italy in the 1930s	Cassels, 67-73
25	Expansion and Nazification of Fascism	Sontag, 280-92; Cassels, 73-80
27	Open	No assignment
30	Hitler's Foreign Policy and German Expansion	Sontag, 236-53; 292-94; 311-47; Spielvogel, 190-206; Cassels, 264-75

May

2	Outbreak of World War II	Sontag, 347-81; Cassels, 275-81
4	The Course of World War II	Spielvogel, 206-10; Cassels, 281-341; Spielvogel, 210-302
7	End of the Fascist Era	Cassels, 342-49
9	Open	No assignment
11	Film: "Prelude to Conflict"	No assignment