

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II, 1987-88

History 120

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Europe and the Modern World, 1815 to the Present

DESCRIPTION:

This is an introductory survey intended to provide students with a basic understanding and appreciation of the major developments of European history since 1815. Rather than superficially cover all aspects of this period, this course will focus on certain critical issues and developments. Political and social issues will be stressed more than cultural topics. The themes which will be covered are indicated by the lecture topics below.

EXAMS AND REQUIREMENTS:

There will be three 50 minute lectures each week; it is expected that students will attend regularly and keep abreast of the assigned readings. There will be three 50 minute exams, each dealing with approximately one third of the semester's work. Exams will include essays and map exercises. All four credit registrants are required to attend and participate in discussion sections; additional readings and exercises will be assigned.

GRADING:

The course grade will be determined as follows:

Three credit registrants: approximately 33% for each exam.

Four credit registrants: 25% for each exam and 25% for section work.

Consideration will also be given to the overall trend of a student's exam grades.

REQUIRED READINGS (all paperbacks):

S.B. Clough, et al, European History in a World Perspective: Modern Times.

K. Marx and F. Engels, The Communist Manifesto.

I Turgenev, Fathers and Sons.

E. Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front.

G. Wright, The Ordeal of Total War.

M. Djilas, Conversations with Stalin.

Readings

January	20	Introduction and Organization	No assignment
	22	Background of European History	Text, x-xvi
	25	Restoration of Europe	Text, 1063-1083
	27	Liberalism and Reaction	Text, 1109-1129
	29	Liberalism and Reaction	Text, 1133-1150
February	1	Social and Economic Transitions	Text, 1085-1108
	3	Revolutions of 1848	Text, 1152-1169
	5	Advance of Political Democracy in Western Europe	Text, 1190-1213
	8	Nationalism and the Unification of Italy	Text, 1129-31; 1185-88; 1215-23
	10	Bismarck and the Unification of Germany	Text, 1223-1236
	12	Socialism and Marx	Text, 1170-1185 Marx & Engels, all
	15	General Trends	Text, 1243-1280
	17	Problems of Liberal Democracy	Text, 1282-1300
	19	<u>FIRST EXAM</u>	
	22	Tsarist Russia	Text, 1302-1324; Turgenev, all
	24	Germany	Text, 1326-1334
	26	Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire	Text, 1334-1348
	29	Imperialism	Text, 1357-1367
March	2	International Politics and Diplomacy	Text, 1440-1450
	4	World War I	Text, 1451-1474
	7	World War I	Remarque, all
	9	The Russian Revolution	Text, 1497-1516
	11	The Paris Peace Settlement	Text, 1475-1484
	21	Consequences of the War	Text, 1484-1496
	23	Italy and Fascism	Text, 1526-1531
	25	Hitler and National Socialism	Text, 1531-1546
	28	Stalin's USSR	Text, 1516-1524
	30	<u>SECOND EXAM</u>	
April	4	Interwar Europe: The West	Text, 1548-1567
	6	Interwar Europe: East and Central	No assignment
	8	Origins of World War II	Text, 1568-1580

April	11	World War II	Text, 1580-1602; Wright, 1-43
	13	World War II	Text, 1602-1612; Wright, 167-203
	15	The Holocaust of the Jews	Wright, 107-143
	18	Consequences of the War	Wright, 204-267
	20	The Cold War	Text, 1723-1739 Djilas, 7-124
	22	Postwar Reconstruction: West	Text, 1762-1770
	25	Postwar Reconstruction: East	Djilas, 127-191
	27	Retreat From Empire	No assignment
	29	The USSR After Stalin	Text, 1741-1761
May	2	Trends in Modern Europe	Text, 1770-1785
	4	Contemporary Issues	No assignment
	6	Contemporary Issues and Review	No assignment