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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)
 Philippe Perrot, Fashioning the Bourgeoisie: A History of Clothing in Nineteenth Century France (Princeton, 1994)
 Karl Marx, The Civil War in France (New York, 1988)
 Emile Zola, Germinal (Penguin Books)
 Emile Zola, The Dreyfus Affair: 'J'accuse' and Other Writings (New Haven, 1996)
 Mark Traugott, The French Worker. Autobiographies from the Early Industrial Era (Berkeley, 1993).
 Alain Corbin, The Village of Cannibals (Harvard)

Week 1. (September 3) Introduction: Social Geography of France

Introduction
The Social and Political Geography of France

Popkin, A History of Modern France, chapter 1.

Week 2. (September 8) The Revolution and Napoleon

The Heritage of the Revolution
Napoleon – Domestic Aspects
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Popkin, A History of Modern France, chapters 6-10. Begin Honoré de Balzac, Père Goriot

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
Discussion: Philippe Perrot, Fashioning the Bourgeoisie: A History of Clothing in Nineteenth Century France, 3-123, 144-66.
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

Discussion: Emile Zola, The Dreyfus Affair: 'J'accuse' and Other Writings (New Haven, 1996), pp. TBA

Week 11. (November 10). Colonies and Socialism

Colonial Empire
Socialism

Discussion: Traugott, The French Worker: Autobiographies from the Early Industrial Era, pp. 92-115; 116-181; 336-382.

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