

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
Department of History  
Semester I, 2004-05

History 356

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EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS, 1919-1939

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an advanced level survey of European history between the wars, focusing on the major conflicts 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 Union, 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 detailed 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, accompanied by questions and brief discussion. All students registered for credit must also be enrolled for a fourth discussion period, at which attendance is mandatory.

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 evaluation of one of the volumes of assigned reading or some other scholarly book related to the course and approved by the instructor or teaching assistant. This essay is due no later than November 22.

In addition, all students registered for four credits must also prepare a research paper (12 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 October 1. These papers are due on December 1. Graduate students 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%, 5 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

George Esenwein & Adrian Shubert, Spain at War (Longman)  
Martin Kitchen, Europe Between the Wars (Longman)  
Stanley Payne, A History of Fascism 1914-1945 (Wisconsin)  
Richard Pipes, A Concise History of the Russian Revolution (Vintage)

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

September

Readings

- 3 World War I and its Consequences No assignment
- 6 The Postwar Settlement Kitchen, 1-21
- 8 The Turkish Settlement: A Case of Genocide No assignment
- 10 The Russian Revolution Pipes, 1-112
- 13 The Russian Civil War Pipes, 113-274
- 15 The Leninist System Pipes, 312-64
- 17 Formation of the USSR Pipes, 275-311
- 20 A Radical Alternative: National Socialism Payne, 3-70
- 22 The Postwar Italian Crisis Kitchen, 131-41; Payne, 71-94
- 24 The Rise of Fascism Payne, 94-110
- 27 The Mussolini Regime Kitchen, 141-50; Payne, 110-28
- 29 The Postwar Crisis in Eastern Europe Kitchen, 47-52, 102-12; Payne, 320-23
- October
- 1 France in the 1920s Kitchen, 22-28, 52-54, 209-17
- 4 Britain Between the Wars Kitchen, 184-208
- 6 The Weimar Republic in Germany Kitchen, 28-37, 54-68, 156-75
- 8 Adolf Hitler and the Rise of National Socialism Payne, 147-64
- 11 The Bolshevik Power Struggle: Triumph of Stalin Pipes, 364-406
- 13 Collectivization and the Five-Year Plans Kitchen, 76-97
- 15 Review
- 18 SIX WEEKS EXAM
- 20 Video: Nazi Film "Triumph of the Will"
- 22 Video: "The Death of Kirov and the Great Terror"
- 25 The Great Terror Kitchen, 97-101
- 27 Soviet Military Growth and Attempts at Expansion No assignment
- 29 The Great Depression Kitchen, 37-46
- November
- 1 The German Crisis of 1930-33 Kitchen, 68-71, 175-83; Payne, 164-79
- 3 The Third Reich Kitchen, 260-86; Payne, 179-211
- 5 Austria Payne, 245-52
- 8 Hungary Kitchen, 112-22; Payne, 129-33, 267-76
- 10 Romania Payne, 134-38, 277-89, 391-97
- 12 France in the 1930s Kitchen, 217-33; Payne, 291-95
- 15 Neosocialism and Scandinavian Social Democracy Payne, 296-309
- 17 A Democratic Alternative in Southwest Europe: Kitchen, 234-41; Esenwein & Shubert, 1-77;  
The Second Spanish Republic, 1931-33 Payne, 138-39
- 19 Breakdown of the Spanish Republic Esenwein & Shubert, 78-99; Payne, 252-64
- 22 The Spanish Revolution Kitchen, 241-59; Esenwein & Shubert, 101-64
- 24 Video: "Caudillo" No assignment
- 29 The Spanish Civil War Esenwein & Shubert, 165-273; Payne, 264-67
- December
- 1 Fascist Italy in the 1930s Kitchen, 150-55; Payne, 212-31
- 3 Expansion and Semi-Nazification of Fascism Kitchen, 71-75, 287-90; Payne, 231-44
- 6 German Expansion Kitchen, 122-30, 290-304; Payne, 355-60
- 8 Outbreak of World War II in Europe Kitchen, 304-14; Payne, 360-65
- 10 Open No assignment
- 13 The Course of World War II Payne, 365-437
- 15 Video: "Hitler and Stalin" No assignment