

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
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History 600

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THE SPANISH REPUBLIC AND CIVIL WAR
1931-1939

This is an advanced undergraduate seminar on a major topic in modern European history. The Spanish Republic was the only new democratic regime in depression-era Europe, and the Civil War to which it led became the most important conflict in Europe during the years prior to World War II. It featured the last of the revolutions in the sequence begun by the Russian Revolution of 1917-- the Spanish variant becoming the most intense and explosive worker revolution in modern European history-- and the first armed conflict with new counterrevolutionary forces analogous to fascism, as well as the intervention of the major dictatorships and the introduction of new weapons systems later used in World War II. It polarized political groups of left and right like no other event of its generation, and the myth of the Spanish Republic has been the only political myth of the early twentieth century to survive until the present time.

Requirements:

- 1) A reading assignment for each of the first six seminars, weekly attendance and participation in seminar discussion.
- 2) Preparation of a 20-page research paper, for which a one-page research proposal, with brief bibliography, must be submitted by February 15. The first polished draft of at least 10 pages is due March 29. The full and final draft is due May 3.
- 3) During the second half of the semester each student will make a brief (20 minute) oral presentation of the main points of his/her paper.

Texts: S. Payne, Spain's First Democracy: The Second Republic, 1931-1936 (Wisconsin);
H. Thomas, The Spanish Civil War (Modern Library paperback).

January 18 Introduction

January 25 The Reforms of the Republic and the Politics of Polarization, 1931-1934
Payne, 3-188
Thomas, 3-117

- February 1 Revolutionary Insurrection and Disintegration
Payne, 189-384
Thomas, 118-86
- February 8 Military Revolt and Civil War
Thomas, 187-277
- February 15 The Revolution and Foreign Intervention
Thomas, 278-482
- February 22 Individual consultations
- March 1 The Nationalist Regime and the Military Struggle
Thomas, 483-812
- March 8 The Final Phase: Historical Significance of the Spanish Civil War
Thomas, 813-946
- March 15 No meeting; individual research
- March 29 to May 3 Oral Presentations
- May 3 Final draft of paper due

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