

History 740-155: History of Modern Europe Spring 2002

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Required Reading

There is no required textbook for this course.

You will, however, receive readings in class handouts and will be required to access primary source readings on-line at the Internet History Sourcebook:

www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html

You will also be spending much quality time in the library during the semester!

Course Aims and Objectives

According to the UW-Whitewater Catalog, this course is: "A study of European civilizations from the eighteenth century to the present, analyzing the social, economic, political and intellectual forces that have shaped contemporary values, problems and institutions. This course taken in conjunction with 740154 provides a complete survey of Western civilization."

Major topics considered during the semester will include: The formation of Great Britain, the French Revolution, Old & New Imperialism, the Industrial Revolution, Nation-building, Modernization, the First & Second World Wars, the Cold War, and the European Union.

This is a general, survey course with limited goals:

- 1) To help students develop a sense of chronology and the process of change.
- 2) To acquaint students with knowledge of the major events of Modern European history so that they might better understand world events today.
- 3) To provide students with the basics for good college writing and test taking, or to further refine those skills.
- 4) To introduce important persons and concepts in European civilization which college students are expected to know in order to understand what professors are talking about in other classes.

Evaluation

Timeline & Map Quiz (10%) – Thursday 7 February

Semester Project (30%) - See assignment sheet for more details

Midterm Exam (30%) – Thursday 14 March

Final Exam (30%) – Tuesday 14 May (11:00 class) or Thursday 16 May (12:15 class)

Grading Scale

A = 100%-90%, B = 89%-80%, C = 79%-70%, D = 69%-60%, F = 59%-below

Class Attendance Policy

There is no portion of the final course grade assigned to class attendance or participation, but *you will find* that being in class will help you immensely on your exams, and with your semester project. As you are all adults, it is up to you to choose how much you want to get out of your UW-Whitewater education...the classes are already paid for, why not attend?!

Course Outline & Assigned Readings

Items listed in *italics* are for you, the student, to be responsible for (readings for you to get on-line, project deadlines, exams, etc.) as the semester progresses...

Tuesday 22 January

Introduction & Brief background: Europe before 1700

Thursday 24 January

What is the European Union?

Treaty on European Union: Common Provisions (handout)

Suggested Reading: "Churchill and the Unification of Europe" by Wendell R. Mauter in The Historian Vol. 61 No. 1 (Fall 1998), pp. 67-83. Available on-line through the UWW library's "Humanities Full Text" search engine

Tuesday 29 January

"The Euro"

Various recent news articles (handouts)

Thursday 31 January

Challenges and benefits of a united Europe

The Chocolate Directive (handout)

Tuesday 5 February

First in-class project work day: Your country & the E.U., and building a bibliography

Bring printouts of the first page of the websites you plan to use to class with you, as well as an initial list of other sources for your bibliography (the more complete you are at this point, the less work you will still have to do...)

Thursday 7 February

Timeline & Map Quiz

Tuesday 12 February

The Enlightenment

What is Enlightenment? and Émile (handouts)

Thursday 13 February

The French Revolution

Declaration of the Rights of Man and The Marseillaise

Tuesday 19 February

Napoleon & The Congress of Vienna

Imperial Catechism

Thursday 21 February

Nationalism & Liberalism

On Nationality as a Key to Social Development

Suggested readings: On Liberty [version at WSU] and On the Jewish State

Tuesday 26 February
Revolutions of 1830 & 1848
Condition of the July Monarchy

Thursday 28 February
Darwinism & Society
Wilberforce on Darwin's Origin of the Species
STAGE 1 of SEMESTER PROJECT due by 5:00pm

Tuesday 5 March
Victorian Feminism
Militant Suffragist and The Subjection of Women (handout)

Thursday 7 March
No class -- project work time or midterm study time...

Tuesday 12 March
Marxism, socialism, communism
The Communist Manifesto (handout)

Thursday 14 March
MIDTERM EXAM

Tuesday 19 March
Second project class work day: Primary Sources
Bring your 3 primary sources with you to class...this is essential, as what we do in class today will be due with Stage 2 on Thursday!

Thursday 21 March
Class topic TBA (there will be class...)
STAGE 2 of SEMESTER PROJECT due by 5:00pm

SPRING BREAK

Tuesday 2 April
New Imperialism
The White Man's Burden

Thursday 4 April
Empires at the "Turn-of-the-century"
A Place in the Sun

Tuesday 9 April
Decolonization, part 1: Asia & the Middle East
U.N. Declaration on Granting Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Thursday 11 April

Decolonization, part 2: Africa & the rest of the world
Kenneth Kaunda on African Development and Foreign Aid

Tuesday 16 April

World War I, part 1: Causes, Alliance systems, and Military Strategies
The Black Hand (handout) and *The Dual Alliance Between Austria-Hungary and Germany*

Thursday 18 April

World War I, part 2: "Total War", Disillusionment & The Russian Revolution
Civilization and its discontents (handout), *Attack*, and *What is to be done?* [extended excerpts]

Tuesday 23 April

The rise of Totalitarianism in the Inter-war period
Mass Psychology (handout) and Mein Kampf (handout)

Thursday 25 April

World War II, part 1: Appeasement through Pearl Harbor
Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill on Appeasement (handouts)
FINAL STAGE of SEMESTER PROJECT due by 5:00pm

Tuesday 30 April

World War II, part 2: U.S. Entry through V-J Day, and its Aftermath
Japanese Surrender Documents (through the Instrument of Surrender signed on Tokyo Bay)

Thursday 2 May

The Cold War
Iron Curtain Speech [excerpts] and *Stalin's Response to Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech*

Tuesday 7 May

Decline of the Cold War

Thursday 9 May

Final Exam Review Day

FINAL EXAM

Tuesday 14 May -- 3:15-5:15 for 11:00 class

Thursday 16 May -- 1:00-3:00 for 12:15 class