

History 210: European History Since 1914

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Course Content :

This course is a survey of the social, cultural, and political history of Europe from the outbreak of the First World War to the late 1990s. We will also discuss contemporary events, when appropriate. We will examine the following topics: the outbreak and course of the First World War; the Russian Revolution(s); the Paris Peace Settlement and interwar diplomacy; European culture in the 1920s; fascism, communism, and the Second World War; postwar efforts toward international cooperation; Cold War political culture, and its social impact; the collapse of communism in the USSR and Eastern Europe; and, the legacy of the Cold War.

Students will be encouraged to develop their own analytical skills through examining primary historical documents, evaluating secondary interpretations of the past, and producing their own interpretive work in a variety of assignments.

Assignments

Assignments include: a two short papers and a full term paper; an in-class presentation; and two examinations (mid-term, and final). Students are expected to attend all classes, and to participate in class discussions.

Course grade distribution:

Short Papers	20 %	A+ 100-95; A 94-90; A- 89-85;
Midterm	20 %	B+ 84-80; B 79-75; B- 74-70;
Major paper	20 %	C+ 69-65; C 64-60; C- 59-55;
Final Exam	25 %	P 54-50 NC 49-0
Participation & Presentation	15% = Total	100

Required Texts:

Wilkinson, James and Hughes, H. Stuart, *Contemporary Europe: A History (10th edition)*
Perry, Marvin, *Sources of the Twentieth-Century Europe*
Rampolla, Mary Lynn, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History (4th edition)*