

History 318: History of Modern Germany

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Course Content :

This course explores the history of Modern Germany from the beginning of French occupation in the 1790s to the (re)unification of Germany in 1990. Topics addressed include the changing nature of German political culture, German state formation, social and cultural upheaval, war, genocide, reconstruction, the Cold War, and treatment of the Nazi legacy in East and West Germany from 1945 to 1990.

Students will be encouraged to develop their own analytical skills through examining primary historical documents, evaluating secondary interpretations of the past, and producing their own interpretive work in a variety of assignments.

Course grade distribution:

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

Required Texts:

Claudia Koonz, *The Nazi Conscience*

Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*

Peter Gay, *Weimar Culture: The Insider as Outsider*

Anna Funder, *Stasiland*

Scholarly journal articles will be assigned weekly

Highly Recommended Reading:

Martin Kitchen. *A History of Modern Germany: 1800-2000*