

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: HIST-203 European History

Department: Design

Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
HIST-203	European History	3
Subject	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
History	42-45	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
History	Lower-Division	English

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the history of Modern Europe. Beginning with the French revolution an analysis of the major events and developments of European history will be conducted. Special emphasis will be given to the development of political thought and the different ideologies which shaped European history from the Enlightenment until today.

Prerequisites (if applicable)

None

Instructor Information

Dr. Hubert Faustmann is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Intercollege. He has graduate degrees in History, Political Science and German Language and a Doctorate in History from the University of Mannheim. He published two books and contributed tens of articles published in English and German in journals, conferences and other publications.

Learning Outcomes

Attention is paid to developing the students understanding of the historical roots of contemporary European realities. They will also become familiar with various philosophical developments and conceptual models shaping the modern history of Europe.

Course Outline

Classroom Sessions:

- Session 1: Introduction/The Philosophy of a New Age: Enlightenment (Merriman, pp. 399-414; 440-441)
- Session 2: The French Revolution: 1789-1799 (Merriman, pp. 495-547)
- Session 3: Napoleon and Europe (Merriman, pp. 548-586)
- Session 4: The Era of National Unification (Merriman, pp. 751-786)
- Session 5: The Age of European Imperialism (Merriman, pp. 959-1002)

- Session 6: The Origins of the Great War (Merriman, pp. 1003-1038)
- Session 7: The Great War (Merriman, pp. 1039-1084)
- Session 8: Post-War Settlements (Merriman, pp. 1139-1160)
- Session 9: The Elusive Search for Stability in the 1920s (Merriman, pp. 1160-1185)
- Session 10: The Europe of Depression and Dictatorship (Merriman, pp. 1186-1238)
- Session 11: The Second World War in Europe (Merriman, pp.1239-1255)
- Session 12: The Holocaust and Resistance to the Nazis (Merriman, pp.1256-1270)
- Session 13: Rebuilding Divided Europe (Merriman, pp. 1291-1350)
- Session 14: The Emergence of Contemporary Europe and the Collapse of Communism (Merriman, pp. 1351-1411)
- Session 15: Final Exam

Tasks and Assignments

Students must complete two class presentations and one essay judged for their presentation and arguments, mastery of literature, critical assessment, analysis of arguments, originality and clarity.

Essay

3000 words, minimum six different sources, inclusive of footnotes and bibliography. The essay topic should be selected from the weekly schedule. All papers must be typed. Plagiarism (including from internet/multi-media encyclopedias) will result in immediate failure of the entire course. Students will also be required to make two class presentations. The deadline for the essay selected from the topic list is three weeks after the presentation. Incomplete course work will result in the failure of the entire course.

Essays are judged and marked according to the following criteria:

- Cogency of presentation and argument
- Mastery of the literature
- Critical assessment of literature search
- Analysis of contending arguments
- Originality and clarity

Evaluation and Grading

Grading

Essay/Presentations:	30%
Participation:	20%
Attendance:	10%
Final Exam:	40%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

John Merriman: Modern Europe: From the Renaissance to the Present, New York/London: W. W. Norton, 2004

Recommended Additional Reading

Bazoun, Jacques: From Dawn To Decadence. 500 Years of Western Cultural Life. New York: HarperCollins, 2000.

Bell, P. M. H.: The World Since 1945. An International Study. (London: Arnold, 2001)

Calvocoressi, Peter: World Politics since 1945. Harlow: Longman, 1996.

Davies, Norman: A History of Europe. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Dunan, Marcel (ed.): Larousse Encyclopaedia of Modern History. From 1500 to the Present Day. 1981.

Goff, Richard et al. The Twentieth History: A brief global history. Boston et al.: MacGraw-Hill, 2002.

Greer. Thomas H.: A Brief History of the Western World. 1987.

Hobsbawm, E. J.: Age of Extreme. The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991. London: Abacus, 1994.

Jones, John: The Early Modern World 1450-1700. 1995.
Kissinger, Henry: Diplomacy. New York: Touchstone, 1994..
Ponting, Clive: The Twentieth Century: A World History. New York: Henry Holt, 1998.
Ponting, Clive: World History. A New Perspective. London et al.: Pimlico, 2000.
Richards, Denis, An Illustrated History of Modern Europe 1789-1984. 1988.
Roberts, J. M., The Penguin History of the World. London et al.: Penguin, 1995.
Roberts, J.M.: The Penguin History of the Twentieth Century. London: Penguin, 1999.
Urwin, Derek W.: Western Europe Since 1945. 5th edition. London: Longman, 1997.

Other Academic Policies

Class attendance is compulsory.

If unable to attend a class, students must inform the course lecturer in advance. A maximum of 20% excused absences is tolerated; however beyond this percentage, students will be withdrawn from the course. Moreover, any work missed due to absence must be completed on return to class.

Materials and Supplies

No additional materials or supplies are required for this course.