

# THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEONIC ERA: 1763-1815

Fall 2009

## History 4283

2:00-3:15 M/W, SH 203

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Analysis of the collapse of the Old Regime, development of revolutionary, Europe and the French Imperium, and the Settlement of 1815 which laid the foundation for 19<sup>th</sup> Century Europe. The impact of the Revolutionary/Napoleonic Era upon the Western World is shown.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

**Required Text:** Owen Connelly, *The French Revolution and Napoleonic Era*

**Supplemental Reading/Writing:** Students will select a book which falls within the scope and nature of this course and prepare a critical book review utilizing "Book Review Guidelines" (see instructor's web site). Book reviewed must be a secondary source— not a primary source, edited work, multi-author compilation, or general survey. The book must contain a bibliography and/or footnotes showing references. *NOTE:* your book must be approved by the instructor by mid-semester before proceeding with the review. *DUE DATE:* day of Final Exam. **Bibliography:** A selective bibliography of relevant books for this course that are available in the NSU Library is available (on the instructor's web site). This bibliography will aid in selecting a book for review.

**PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** There will be three tests during the semester, each of which will include the subjects covered since the preceding exam. Grades for the course are determined by tests (100 points each), written assignments (book review/paper), and class participation/attendance. Books reviews are worth 50% of a test grade. Class participation/attendance can earn a student up to 10 additional points toward the final grade. The last date to drop this course with an automatic "W" grade is Nov 11.

**ADA:** If any member of the class feels that he/she has a disability and needs special accommodations please advise the instructor of such disability at the first class attended.

**COURSE OUTLINE:** Students are expected to read the assigned text material according to the outline below prior to discussion of the topic in class. Numbers within parentheses are text pages.

- Aug 24 Introduction & Setting for the Revolution
- Aug 26 The Intellectual Setting for the Revolution (pp. 1-2; 15-26)
- Aug 31 Social-Economic Structure of l'Ancien Regime (pp. 3-15; 32-45)
- Sep 2 The French Administrative-Judicial System (pp. 26-32, 46-48)
- Sep 9 The Financial Crisis (pp. 49-58)
- Sep 14 The Estates General: May-June, 1789 (pp. 59-63)
- Sep 16 The National Assembly at Versailles: June-Oct, 1789 (pp. 64-79)
- Sep 23 The Government at Paris: Oct 1789-Sept 1791 (pp. 79-98)

Sep 30	<b>FIRST TEST</b>
Oct 5	War with Austria and End of the Monarchy: Oct 1791-Sept 1792 (pp. 99-109)
Oct 7	The Republic: Struggle for Power, Sept 1792-June 1793 (pp. 109-120)
Oct 12	Jacobin Reforms: June-November 1793 (pp. 121-127)
Oct 14	Jacobin Dictatorship & Reign of Terror: Sept. 1793-April 1794 (pp. 127-144)
Oct 19	The Dictatorship of Robespierre: April-July 1794 (pp. 144-153)
Oct 21	The Revolution and the Historians
Oct 26	The Thermidorean Reaction: July 1794-Oct 1795 (pp. 154-168)
Oct 28	Reorganization & the Directory: Oct 1795-Nov 1799 (pp. 169-180)
Nov 2	Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte:1796-1799 (pp. 180-198)
<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>SECOND TEST</b>
Nov 9	18/19 Brumaire & Constitution of Year VIII/1799 (pp. 198-203)
Nov 11	Second Coalition & the Napoleonic Revolution: 1800-1804 (pp. 203-227)
Nov 16	The Empire: From Amiens to Austerlitz: 1802-1805 (pp. 228-238)
Nov 18	Expansion of the Napoleonic Empire: 1806-1807 (pp. 238-245; 256-279)
Nov 23	Peninsular War and Central Europe: 1808-1812 (pp. 246-256, 279-306)
Nov 30	1812: Russian Campaign (pp. 318-330)
	The Last Phase: 1813-1814 (pp. 330-340)
Dec 2	The Restoration & the Hundred Days: 1814-1815 (pp. 340-352)
Dec 7	The Napoleonic Legacy (pp. 353-362)
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>FINAL TEST (Monday, 1:00-2:50)</b>