

## EUROPE IN THE 20th/21st CENTURIES

**History 4383**

3:30-4:45 M/W

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The changing role of Europe during the 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Course begins with the World War of 1914 and analyses the inter-war era as Europe drifted to war a second time. Special focus is placed on the era since 1945, including the evolving role of Europe in world politics and the dramatic changes of the 1980's and after.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:**

**Required Text:** James Wilkinson & H. Stuart Hughes, *Contemporary Europe: A History*

**Supplemental Reading/Writing:** You will select a book which falls within the scope and nature of this course and prepare a critical book review utilizing the "Book Review Guidelines" (available on the instructor's web site). Your book must be a secondary source— not a primary source, edited work, multi-author compilation, or general survey. The book reviewed 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. Graduate students have the option of writing a research paper (12-15 pages) in lieu of a book review. Due date for the review (or paper) is the day of the Final Exam.

**Bibliography:** A bibliography of books related to this course that are available in the NSU Library is available on the instructor's web site.

**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 (graduate paper equal to 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 Apr 7.

**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.

Jan 9	<b>EUROPEAN STATE SYSTEM IN 1914</b> (1-29)
	<b>WORLD WAR I &amp; ITS IMPACT</b>
Jan 14	The "Great War" (29-74)
Jan 16	The Peace Settlement (105-121)
Jan 23	Russian Revolution and Bolshevik Victory (77-89)
Jan 28	International Relations: 1919-1929 (121-54)

**WESTERN EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS**

- Jan 30 Britain and Ireland (154-159; 201-204)  
 Feb 4 The Third Republic in France (159-161; 204-207; 235-239; 271-273)  
 Feb 6 Spain: Dictatorship and Republic (284-293)

**CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

- Feb 11 Russia under Lenin and Stalin: 1918-41 (89-97, 243-259; 264-266)  
 Feb 13 The Weimar Republic in Germany: 1918-32 (97-100; 161-164; 196-200; 219-223)

***FEB 18 FIRST TEST***

- Feb 20 **THE TRANSITIONAL ERA: 1930-33** (194-196; 200-201; 209-211)

**FASCISM IN EUROPE**

- Feb 25 The Theory of Fascism (230-235)  
 Feb 25 Fascist Italy (213-219)  
 Feb 27 Hitler's Germany: 1933-39 (223-228; 274-276)

**THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

- Mar 3 The Erosion of Peace: 1933-36 (228-230; 273-293)  
 Mar 5 The Road to War: 1937-1939 (293-300)  
 Mar 12 World War II (304-340)

- Mar 27 **POST-WAR EUROPE & THE COLD WAR ERA** (345-49; 364-76; 412-25; 449-51)

***MAR 31 SECOND TEST*****WESTERN EUROPE AFTER THE WAR** (385-88; 430-46; 473-78; 531-34; 545-49 )

- Apr 2 Labour & Conservative Britain (382-85; 451-53; 493-95; 520-24; 537-40; 585-87)  
 Apr 7 The Fourth & Fifth French Republics (377-80; 455-58; 490-93; 510-16; 542-44; 584-85)  
 Apr 9 Italy & Spain after the War (380-82; 453-55; 459-62; 495-96; 525-26; 528-30; 582-84)

**CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE AFTER THE WAR**

- Apr 14 The Two Germanies (420-22; 452-53; 486-89; 516-20; 540-42)  
 Apr 14 The Soviet Union & Eastern Europe (347-61; 427-28; 462-71; 478-86; 503-10)

**THE NEW EUROPE** (549-63; 567-81; 587-98)

- Apr 16 The "Gorbachev Revolution"  
 Apr 16 The Eastern European Revolutions of 1989/90  
 Apr 21 The Re-Unification of Germany  
 Apr 23 The Collapse of the Soviet Union  
 Apr 28 Europe in the 21st Century

- MAY 5 FINAL TEST (Monday, 3:00-4:50 p.m.)***