

EUROPE: 1815-1914

History 3293

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE: A study of Europe between the end of the Napoleonic Empire and World War I. Course is designed for the student to become familiar with the inter-relationships of the European nations during the 19th and early 20th centuries; with the major political, social, and economic institutions; and with the intellectual and political theories and theorists. Special attention will be given to the period of reaction and revolution, liberal-nationalism, socialism and Marxism, the Industrial Revolution and social consequences, and the unification of Italy and Germany. A major focus on the course will be the colonial, economic, and political conflicts that led to the World War.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Required Text: M.S. Anderson, *The Ascendancy of Europe: 1815-1914*

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. *NOTE-* If you wish a marked copy returned to you; or if you desire to submit this review as one of your teacher education research papers, submit two copies (along with the appropriate form filled out)..

Bibliography: A selective bibliography of relevant primary and secondary sources for this course 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 Apr 14.

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 13	Introduction- Europe in 1815
	THE BALANCE OF POWER: 1815-48 (1-16; 310-320)
Jan 13	The Vienna Settlement and its aftermath
Jan 20	Metternich and The Congress System
	REACTION & REVOLUTION IN EUROPE: 1815-48 (66-85)
Jan 20	Great Britain: Politics and Reform
Jan 25	France: The Restoration and July Monarchies

- Jan 27 Italy and the Risorgimento
 Feb 1 Reaction in Central Europe
 Feb 3 Alexander I and Nicholas I of Russia
- SOCIAL-INTELLECTUAL THOUGHT (216-237; 350-366)
 Feb 8 From Romanticism to Realism and Nationalism
 Feb 8 Pre-Marx Socialism
- Feb 10 REVOLUTIONS OF 1848 AFTERMATH (85-112)
- CHALLENGES TO THE BALANCE OF POWER: 1848-71
 Feb 15 The Eastern Question & the Crimean War (321-323; 18-20)
- Feb 22 FIRST TEST**
- Feb 24 The Unification of Italy (20-22)
 Feb 24 The Unification of Germany (22-28, 312-328)
- THE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY
 Mar 1 Impact of the “Industrial Revolution” (128-209)
 Mar 8 Marxist-Socialism (368-375; 381-385)
 Mar 8 Scientific and Social Thought (365-366; 376-381; 385-392)
- WESTERN/CENTRAL EUROPE BEFORE THE WAR
 (28-34; 112-120; 235-249; 260-264; 378-381; 387)
 Mar 10 Liberal and Conservative Britain
 Mar 22 France: from the Second to the Third Republic
 Mar 29 Italy and Spain: 1870-1914
 Mar 29 The German Empire: 1870-1914
- Apr 5 SECOND TEST**
- EASTERN EUROPE BEFORE THE WAR (34-46; 59; 106-112; 120-124; 237-240)
 Apr 7 Eastern Europe: 1849-1914
 Apr 12 The Decline of Imperial Russia: 1856-1914
- THE STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY OF EUROPE: 1870-1914
 Apr 14 European Alliances and Military Preparation (46-53; 328-346)
 Apr 21 The Diplomacy of Imperialism (270-306)
 Apr 28 The Immediate Background of World War I (51; 53-60)
- Mon May 10 FINAL TEST (3:00-4:50)**