

HISTORY 375-01/ GERMANY-- 1792-1914

Required Texts:

John Breuilly, ed., *19th Century Germany; Politics, Culture and Society, 1790-1918* (2001)
Amos Elon, *The Pity of it All; A Portrait of the German-Jewish Epoch, 1743-1933* (2002)
John Toews, ed., Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto [1848] by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels With Related Documents* (2001)
Ute Frevert, *Women in German History; From Bourgeois Emancipation to Sexual Liberation* (1989)

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Examinations:

A **Mid-Term Examination** will be given on **Friday, October 7th**. It will include essay and identification questions. The **Final Examination** is scheduled for **Monday, December 12th from 8:00-11:00 AM**. It will follow the same format as the mid-term exam.

Course Assignments:

Two course papers of 5-6 pages each are required. These papers are to be based on the required readings. A set of prompts for each paper will be provided. Due dates are listed in the syllabus.

Grading Scale:

Mid-Term Exam (20 %); Course Papers (20% each = 40 %); Final Exam (40 %) Effective participation in classroom discussions will provide bonus points.

Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance is absolutely essential for success in this course. Attendance is not usually a problem at this level, but attendance will be taken. More than three unexcused absences can lead to a reduction in the final grade and more than six absences to being dropped from the course.

Graduate Students taking this course as HIS 692:

A separate set of instructions and assignments for graduate students will be provided shortly.

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS

At the conclusion of the course, students should

1. understand how a “Germany” divided into some 1500 states in 1800 developed into being arguably the world’s leading power in 1900.
2. understand the role the French Revolution played in shaping German developments during the 19th century.

Section II: 1792-1815/Germany and the French Revolution

Reading Assignments: None

Lecture Schedule:

Aug. 29	The Challenge of French Ideas
“ 31	1792/ The Coming of War
Sept. 2	The Wars of Napoleon -- 1795-1815
“ 5	LABOR DAY HOLIDY
“ 7	The Prussian Reform Movement: Emancipation of Peasants and Jews and Educational and Military Reforms
“ 9	The Congress of Vienna/ Putting “Humpty Back Together Again”

Section III: 1815-1848/ Vormärz

Reading Assignments:

Breuilly, Ch. 3: “Germany 1815-1848:Restoration or Pre-March?” by Christopher Clark; Ch. 4: “‘Relative backwardness’ and long-run development: economic, demographic and social changes,” by Robert Lee’
 Ch.5 “Cultural and Intellectual Trends,” by Karin Friedrich (pp.40-116) **Elon**, Ch. 4: “Heine and Börne,” (pp. 101-148) **Frevert**. Ch. 6, “The Biedermeir Period,” (pp. 63-72)

Lecture Schedule:

Sept. 12	The Birth of German Nationalism
“ 14	The Birth of German Conservatism
“ 16	Making Sense of it All: Hegel and History
“ 19	The Demographic Revolution
“ 21	The Industrial Revolution
“ 23	The Hungary 40s/ The Social Question and the Woman Question
“ 26	1847: A Conservative Revolution?

Section IV: 1848 Revolutions

Reading Assignments:

Breuilly, Ch. 6: “The Revolutions of 1848-1849 and the persistence of the old regime in Germany (1850-1858)” by Wolfram Siemann (pp. 117-137); **Elon**, Ch. 5: “Spring of Nations” (pp.149-183); **Frevert**, Ch.7 “The Women’s Movement of 1848,”; Ch. 8. “Working Women and Workers’ Wives,” ; Ch. 9: Proletarian Women and their Allies” (pp. 73-106)

Lecture Schedule:

Sept. 28	March 1848: Revolutions Everywhere/ Peasants, Burgers, Women
“ 30	The Frankfurt Assembly and German Unification
Oct. 3	Do the Revolutions Fail?
“ 5	Review for Mid-Term Exam
“ 7	MID-TERM EXAM

Section V: 1850-1871/ Bismarck and Unification

Reading Assignments:

Breuilly, Ch. 7: “Revolution to Unification,” by John Breuilly (pp. 138-156); **Elon**, Ch. 6: “Hopes and Anxieties” (pp. 185-220).

Lecture Schedule:

Oct. 10	FALL BREAK
“ 12	The “Fat Fifties” and the Triumph of Conservatism
“ 14	The Industrial Take-Off
“ 17	Bismarck and His “Revolution” in Prussia/ Women and Nationhood
“ 19	The Austro-Prussian War of 1866/ A German Civil War?
“ 21	The Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71
“ 24	The Proclamation of a German Empire

Section VI: 1871-1890/ Bismarckian Germany

Reading Assignments:

Breuilly, Ch. 8: “Bismarckian Germany and the Structure of the German Empire,” by Katherine A. Lerman; Ch. 9: “Demographic Growth, Industrialization and Social Change,” by Volker Berghahn; (pp. 163-198); **Elon**, Ch. 7: “Years of Progress” (pp. 221-257); **Frevert**, Ch. 10: “Middle-Class Women and

Their Campaign in Imperial Germany”; Ch. 11: “Bourgeois Sexuality, Prostitution and Marriage” (pp. 107-137) **Toews**, ed., Marx & Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (pp. 1-96)

Lecture Schedule:

- Oct. 26 The Structure of the New Reich/ The House that Bismarck Built
- “ 28 Struggle Against Catholicism/ the *Kulturkampf* of the 1870s
- “ 31 The Rise of Socialism and Karl Marx’s Contribution
- Nov. 2 Conservatism and the Birth of the Welfare State/ Bismarck’s “socialism”
- “ 4 A New Jewish Question: Modern Anti-Semitism/ Reaction Against Women’s Movement
- “ 7 Bismarck’s Foreign Policy (**Elon paper due**)

Section VII: 1890-1914/ Wilhelmine Germany

Reading Assignments:

Breuilly, Ch.10: “Wilhelmine Germany,” by Katherine A. Lerman; Ch. 11: “Imperial Germany: Cultural and Intellectual Trends,” by Matthew Jefferies (pp. 199-247); **Elon**, Ch. 8: “Assimilation and its Discontents” (pp. 259-295)

Lecture Schedule:

- Nov. 9 The Firing of Bismarck/ Kaiser Wilhelm II / Wilhelmine Germany
- “ 11 The Kaiser and the Social Question
- “ 14 Germany’s Colonial Empire
- “ 16 The Franco-Prussian Alliance and the Schlieffen Plan
- “ 18 The German Naval Build-Up
- “ 21 The German Empire in 1900/ A Culture in Crisis and a Great Future Says the Kaiser
- “ 23 & 25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- “ 28 The Stupidity of German Diplomacy; 1900-1909
- “ 30 The July Crisis of 1914 (**Frevert paper Due**)
- Dec. 2 Germany’s Prospects for War
- “ 5 Review for Final Exam

FINAL EXAM: Monday, Dec. 12th at 8:00-11: AM

