

History 223, Spring 2004
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TuTh, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
106 Graham

“Modern Europe, 1750-2004”

This introductory course surveys European history from the mid-18th century through the present. Using intellectual treatises, novels, short stories, and other primary sources, students will examine the major landmarks in the social, intellectual, political, and cultural histories of Europe since approximately 1750 -- the French Revolution, the emergence of the nation-state, industrialization, socialism, imperialism, and the construction and fragmentation of "modern Europe" in the 20th century.

Required Readings

The following books are required for this course and are available for purchase at the UNCG Bookstore in Elliot University Center and Addams Bookstore. Copies of the books will also be placed on reserve in Jackson Library.

Kishlansky, Geary, and O'Brien. *Civilization in the West, 5th Edition, Volume C: Since 1789*.
Voltaire, *Candide* (Penguin).

Marx, *The Communist Manifesto* (International Publishers).

Orwell, *Burmese Days* (Harvest).

Camus, *The Plague* (Vintage).

Kovaly, *Under a Cruel Star* (Holmes & Meier).

Other short readings for this course will be available via electronic reserve through Jackson Library.

Grading

Grades for this course will be assigned according to the following scheme:

20% -- Midterm 1

20% -- Midterm 2

15% -- Paper

35% -- Final

10% -- Participation (includes attendance, **talking** during class discussions, and written responses to readings)

Exams

There will be 2 midterm exams in this course. **Midterm 1** will be held on **Tuesday, February 17th**. **Midterm 2** will be held on **Tuesday, March 30th**. Each exam will consist of identifications (based upon the Key Word terms listed on each lecture outline and posted on the web site) and an essay portion. The **Final Exam** will be held on **Thursday, May 6th**, from **8:00**

– **11:00 a.m.** The Final Exam will be held in our regular classroom. The exam will consist of a Key Word ID section, a passage ID section (drawn from the assigned documents for this course), and an essay portion.

Paper

There will be one major written assignment in this course, an essay of no less than five (5) pages on a topic to be assigned in advance. A choice of topics will be provided approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the due date, and students will be expected to draw upon the readings from the course in producing their essay. This is NOT a research paper; no outside reading or research beyond that related to the course will be required. The paper will be due on **Friday, April 23rd by 4 p. m.** in my box in the History Department's main office (219 McIver).

Weather Information

As you might be aware, central North Carolina often receives inclement weather during the Spring semester. On days when the weather looks "iffy," please be sure to call the UNCG Adverse Weather Line (**336**) **334-4400** or look on the UNCG home page (**www.uncg.edu**) for updates/schedule changes. If there is a delayed opening of the campus that runs into our normal class time, please come to class **as soon as** the delay is over; our class meetings will run through the end of the regularly scheduled period.

Syllabus

January 13: Introduction: "Old Europe"? "New Europe"? "Modern Europe"?!

SECTION 1: EUROPEAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE IN THE 18TH CENTURY

January 15: More than Just Mozart and Powdered Wigs: The 18th Century Mind

January 20: "Enlightenment" in Theory: Kant, Rousseau, and Montesquieu

January 22: "The best of all possible worlds"? Practical Enlightenment and Its Critics

January 27: **Discussion: *Candide***

Reading: Xeroxed chapter from Kishlansky, 4th Edition.
Candide

SECTION 2: THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND THE BIRTH OF MODERNITY

January 29: The French Revolution: Its Origins and Early Stages, 1789-1791

February 3: The Terror, Napoleon, and the End (?) of the French Revolution

February 5: **Discussion: French Revolution Documents**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 20
Sieyes, from "What is the Third Estate?" (1789) (E-Reserve)

"Decrees of August 4, 1789" (ER)
"Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen" (1789) (ER)
de Gouges, "Declaration of the Rights of Woman and the Citizen" (1789) (ER)
Robespierre, from "On the Principles of Political Morality" (1794) (ER)
"What is a Sans-Culotte?" (1794) (ER)

SECTION 3: A DUAL REVOLUTION: INDUSTRIALIZATION

February 10: The Rise of Capitalism and Its Consequences
February 12: **Discussion: Industrial Revolution Documents**

February 17: **Midterm Exam 1**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 21
Smith, from "On the Wealth of Nations" (1776) (ER)
Engels, from "The Condition of the Working Class in England" (1844) (ER)
Ure, from "The Philosophy of Manufactures" (1835) (ER)

SECTION 4: THE AGE OF ISMS

February 19: The Age of Isms: Romanticism, Conservatism, and Nationalism

February 24: Liberal Ideals, Socialist Critiques
February 26: **Discussion: *The Communist Manifesto***

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 22
The Communist Manifesto

SECTION 5: BUILDING STATES, CREATING NATIONS

March 2: Making States and Nations, 1860-1914: Italy and Germany
March 4: **Discussion: Nationalism Documents**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 23
Mill, from "Of Nationality as Connected with Representative Government" (ER)
von Treitschke, from "Politics" (ER)
Baycroft, selections from *Nationalism in Europe, 1789-1945* (ER)

SPRING BREAK! NO CLASS! :)

SECTION 6: BOURGEOIS CIVILIZATION AT HOME AND ABROAD

March 16: "La Belle Epoque" or "Fin-de-Siecle": Art and Ideas, 1870-1914
March 18: Europeans and the "New" Imperialism

March 23: **Discussion: Burmese Days**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 24 and 25
Burmese Days

SECTION 7: THE GREAT WAR AND THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY

March 25: “Goodbye to all that”: Europeans and the First World War

March 30: **Midterm Exam 2**

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 26

SECTION 8: THE "DARK VALLEY": EUROPE, 1919-1945

April 1: The Revolution in Russia

April 6: Versailles’ Legacies: Politics and Culture in Inter-War Europe

April 8: World War II and the Holocaust

April 13: **Discussion: *The Plague***

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 27 and Chapter 28 (pp. 913-941)
The Plague

SECTION 9: POSTWAR EUROPE, 1945-1968

April 15: Re-Defining Europe: The Cold War and De-Colonization

April 20: Paris and Prague, 1968: Revolutions in a Different Key

April 22: **Discussion: *Under a Cruel Star***

April 23: **Paper Due in 219 McIver by 4 p.m.** Note: This is a Friday!

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 28 (pp. 942-948) and Chapter 29 (pp. 956-973)
Under a Cruel Star

SECTION 10: EUROPE IN A POST-MODERN WORLD

April 27: 1989: Communism’s Collapse and the Re-Making of Europe

April 29: A United States of Europe? The EU in a Post-Modern World

Discussion: “My Son the Fanatic”

Reading: Kishlansky, Chapter 29 (pp. 974-977) and Chapter 30.
Kureishi, “My Son the Fanatic” (ER)

Final Exam: Thursday, May 6, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in our usual classroom.

