

Georgia Institute of Technology
School of History, Technology, and Society
HTS 2037
Twentieth Century Europe

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Course Requirements and Grading

1. Essay, 10 pages. (30%)
2. Midterm exam. (30%)
3. Final exam. (40%)

Exams are short answer and essay format, and they cover lecture, textbook, and primary readings. Assignment due dates are indicated in bold type in the syllabus. Late assignments are accepted only with a doctor's note.

The paper assignment will be a review of an important work on the subject of fascism. A list of books for review and further instructions about what I expect in papers will be provided separately.

The key to success in this course will be attendance, effective note taking, completing reading and writing assignments carefully and on time, and preparing for exams in study groups.

Reading

1. The following books are at Engineer's Bookstore:
Felix Gilbert and David Clay Large, *The End of the European Era*.
Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution*.
Allan Mitchell, *The Nazi Revolution*.
Robert Darnton, *Berlin Journal*.

2. Other readings indicated on the weekly schedule with asterisks are on electronic reserve.

Weekly Schedule

Weeks 1-2. Europe before the Great War
Reading: Gilbert, chs. 1-2

Weeks 3-4. World War I
Reading: Gilbert, ch. 3
*John Keegan, *The Face of Battle*, ch. 4
*William McNeill, *The Pursuit of Power*, ch. 9

Week 5-6. The Russian Revolution
Reading: Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution*

Week 7. Fascism
Reading: *Alexander de Grand, *Italian Fascism*, chs. 1,2

Week 8. The Search for Peace
Reading: Gilbert, chs. 4,5

Midterm exam on 2/28

Week 9. Midterm break

Week 10. The Rise of Hitler

Reading: Gilbert, ch. 6
Allan Mitchell, ed., *The Nazi Revolution*, parts 1,2

Week 11. The Spanish Civil War

Reading: Gilbert, ch. 7
*Burnett Bolloten, *The Spanish Civil War*, ch. 16

Week 12-13. World War II

Reading: Gilbert, ch. 8
Mitchell, parts 3,4

Essay due on April 2

Week 14. Cold War and Reconstruction

Reading: Gilbert, chs. 9-14

Week 15. The Fall of the Soviet Union

Reading: Gilbert, ch. 15
Reading: Darnton, *Berlin Journal*

Week 16. Unification

Reading: Gilbert, ch. 16

Final Exam

Note: Students are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech Honor Code.