



Course Code EUS-103/HIST-203	Course Title Modern European History and Politics	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Required	Field History	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st /2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Hubert Faustmann
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce and examine the political, social and economic developments that have shaped and are shaping modern Europe since the French Revolution.
- Introduce and examine key events that have shaped modern European history.
- Follow the domestic transformations and foreign policies of the most important European states from the French Revolution to the present day.
- Introduce and understand the development of political thought and the different ideologies which shaped European history from the Enlightenment until today.
- Examine the Post World War II progress towards regional integration in Europe, and the historical trends that led to integration, along with the inherent problems that have arisen.
- Examine contemporary Europe.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the processes and problems of integration as well as Europe's historical, political, social, economic and cultural development.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of Europe's role in the World both in a historical perspective and in the contemporary era of Globalisation.
3. Illustrate and understanding of the historic significance of the topics covered.
4. Illustrate and understanding of various philosophical developments and conceptual models shaping the modern history of Europe.
5. Discuss the Post World War II progress towards regional integration in Europe, and the historical trends that led to integration, along with the inherent problems that have arisen.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of current European affairs and challenges.
7. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
8. Present information orally and in writing on European History and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines.
9. Report in English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.

10. Illustrate the ability to continue learning in a self-directed manner and work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
11. Use libraries, bibliographical material and academic research in an efficient manner.

Course Contents:

1. Introduction – Patterns and Continuities in Modern European History
The Philosophy of a New Age: Enlightenment (pp. 335-350/374-375)
2. The French Revolution (pp. 467-516)
Napoleon and Europe (pp. 517-552)
3. Challenges to Restoration Europe I (pp. 598-614)
Challenges to Restoration Europe II (pp. 636-669)
4. The Revolutions of 1848 and their Legacy (pp. 670-710)
The Era of National Unification (pp. 705-745)
5. Britain and Russia in the Age of Liberalism (pp. 746-794)
6. France in the Age of Liberalism (pp. 794-813)
Political Responses to a Rapidly Changing World (pp. 858-874)
7. The Age of European Imperialism (pp. 898-939)
The Origins of the Great War (pp. 943-973)
8. The Great War (pp. 973-1016)
Revolutionary Russia and the Soviet Union (pp. 1017-1055)
9. The Elusive Search for Stability in the 1920s I (pp. 1056-1077)
The Elusive Search for Stability in the 1920s II (pp. 1077-1103)
10. The Europe of Depression and Dictatorship (pp. 1136-1156)
The Second World War in Europe (pp. 1157-1174/1188-1206)
11. The Holocaust and Resistance to the Nazis (pp. 1174-1188)
Rebuilding Divided Europe (pp. 1209-1250)
12. Decolonisation and a New Prosperity (pp. 1251-1287)
The Emergence of Contemporary Europe (pp. 1288-1306)
13. The Collapse of Communism (pp. 1306-1342)
Global Challenges, European Cooperation, and the Uncertainties of a new Age (pp. 1343-1365)

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Student Presentations, Question and Answers, Discussions and Assignments, Audio-visual material.

Assessment Methods:

Final Examination, Mid-Term Essay, 2 Presentations, Participation, Attendance.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
John Merriman	Modern Europe. From the Renaissance to the Present	W.W. Norton	2004	978-0-393097910-7

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Jacques Barzun	From Dawn to Decadence. 1500 to	HarperCollins	2000	0-06-017586-9

	The Present. 500 Years of Western Cultural Life			
P.M.H Bell	The World Since 1945. An International Study	Arnold	2001	0-19-820171-0
Norman Davies	A History of Europe	Oxford University	1996	1-4039-1790-6
Richard Goff et al.	The Twentieth History: A Brief Global History	MacGraw-Hill	2008	978-0-07-320692-9
Henry Kissinger	Diplomacy	Touchstone	1994	0-671-51099-1
J.M. Roberts	The New Penguin History of the World	Penguin	2004	0-141-00723-0
J.M. Roberts	The Penguin History of the Twentieth Century	Penguin	1999	0-14-027631-9
Derek W. Urwin	Western Europe Since 1945	Longman	1997	0-582-25374-8
Rosemary Wakeman	Themes in Modern European History Since 1945	Routledge	2003	0-415-21987-6
Wegs/Robert Ladrech	European Politics since 1945. A Concise History	Palgrave	2007	0-671-51099-1