

**Last Revised:** September 1, 2020

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Title:** Europe 1890-1939: Illusion and Disillusion

**Course Number:** HIST 203

**Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 14 (Fall, Spring)  
12 (Summer)

**Total Hours:** 39

**Course Level:**  First Year  Second Year  
 New  Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Humanities

**Department Head:** P. Best

**Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** NONE

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** NONE

**Precluded Courses:** N/A

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines European history from 1890-1939. The focus will be on the major social, economic, political, and intellectual developments. Themes to be considered include: the structures of European societies; the First World War and the Peace Settlements; Communist Russia; economic crises and the rise of Fascism; and the road to World War II. These themes will be examined through lectures, course readings, presentations, and discussions.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify and explain the major historical events, themes, and processes in European history from 1890-1939.
- Evaluate and understand the significance of historical events, themes, and processes in European history from 1890-1939.
- Identify and analyze primary and secondary sources related to European history.
- Develop critical reading, thinking, and writing skills.

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
Total	39

**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments: Critical Reading</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation: Attendance, Discussion and Engagement, Preparation</i>	Project: 10% <i>Specify nature of project: Presentation</i>
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exams: 25%	Final Exam: 35%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

**TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS**

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

- Spielvogel, Jackson J. *Western Civilization: Volume C: Since 1789*. 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Cengage Learning, 2018.

**COURSE TOPICS**

List topics and sequence covered.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>
1	Introductions; Definitions, Concepts, and Ideas
2	The Age of Nation States
3	Building European Supremacy – Industry, Society and Politics to 1914
4	The Birth of Modern European Thought
5	The Age of Western Imperialism
6	Review for Midterm Exam; Midterm Exam
7	The First World War – Military and Diplomatic
8	The First World War – Economic and Social
9	The Peace Settlements and their Legacy
10	The Russian Revolution and Communist Russia
11	The Great Depression and the rise of Fascism
12	The Road to World War II

- 13 Presentations; Review for Final Exam
- 14 Final Exam – (TBD)

### NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)