

Effective: Spring 2024

Effective January 1, 2026: This course is no longer offered.

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): Minimum of 3 social science and/or arts courses

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*. 10th Edition, Cengage Learning, 2018.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topics
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

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