

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 (specify): | |
| Total | 39 |

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

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

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| 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 |
|------|--------|
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- 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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