

History 3710
World War Two in Europe

1. The first meeting of the course will take place on Thursday, 27 August, Lewis Auditorium in Goldwin Smith Hall.
2. Lecture/screenings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:10-11:25
3. Sections will meet on Wednesdays in the Army Museum, 201 Barton Hall.

Each student must enroll in a section, even though attendance is not required. For nine of the thirteen weeks, all sections will discuss the same readings. During the four weeks of specialized "mini-courses," the discussion sections will each do a different set of readings according to which of the five subtopics is being explored at that hour. Sections will be held at the following times:

- 9:05 Military History
- 10:10 Military History
- 11:15 International Relations
- 12:20 Resistance and Culture in the Home Front
- 1:25 The Holocaust
- 2:30 Remembering the War/Genocide

4. The course website can be found at www.blackboard.cornell.edu. Check it every day for announcements and postings. It will also be the site for online sections. You are enrolled at the website when you log on. All students must also fill out a Student Information Form, however. This form is available from the TAs and outside McGraw 362, which is where extra syllabi and other handouts will also be available.
5. In the case of virus or worm intrusions, the backup source for information on changes in syllabus, field trip information, etc., is the History Department. 255-4367 (Maggie Edwards).

6. The course contains the following elements:	Maximum Possible Grade Weight
A. Discussion section participation	18%
B. One 10-15 page paper	25%
C. Prelim Exam	10%
D. Reading/screening journal	15%
E. Final Examination	32-74%

Questions for the Final Examination will be distributed before the end of the term's classes. Students may hand in the answers as a paper on the day of the examination, or they may answer the questions in a blue book at the in-class examination itself.

7. The course also plays a role in two concentrations: International Relations and Modern European Studies. For information about the latter, see the Institute for European Studies, 120 Uris Hall.

8. The course may be taken S/U.

9. It is assumed that all papers submitted are the student's own work. Submission of a paper in the course shall be taken to imply consent for that paper to be checked against available term paper data bases.

10. Date of Final Examination, in-class version: 16 December 09 2:00-4:30PM.

11. The Final Examination will offer sets of alternative questions based on the assumption that you have only read the four books in the mini-course you chose, not all twenty mini-course books.

12. Instructor's office hours: Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30, McGraw 362. Since the days of universal email, however, I have kept those hours rather intermittently. I'm not that hard to reach, anyway: you can call me at home, 277-6744, 8AM-11:30 PM, or you can make an appointment with me by email jhw4@cornell.edu.

13. Teaching Assistants:

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14. Influenza policy: The University is considering suspending classroom teaching if the expected flu epidemic gets too serious. In any case, there will be some disruption, and many of you may miss class. If disruptions and absences get to an unusually high level, we will post videotapes of all the lecture/screening/discussion sessions (i.e., the Tuesday and Thursday meetings of the course) on the Blackboard site. We will also conduct the discussion sections online until the epidemic recedes. This is usually done once in History 3710, anyway.

15. Special events:

1. Demonstration of World War II small arms.
2. Visit to Army War College, Carlisle, PA
3. CASABLANCA Night.

Attendance at these events is NOT required.

READINGS

The following works, available for purchase from the Campus Store or elsewhere and also on Uris Reserve, are required reading for all students:

1. Gordon Wright. The Ordeal of Total War
2. Keith Eubank. World War II: Roots and Causes (2nd edition)
3. Marc Bloch. Strange Defeat
4. Anthony Beevor. Stalingrad
5. John Grigg. 1943: The Victory That Never Was. Available as a Course Packet (CP) from the Campus Store.
6. Inge Scholl The White Rose
7. Elie Wiesel. Night
8. Daniel Goldhagen. Hitler's Willing Executioners
9. Kurt Vonnegut. Slaughterhouse-Five
10. Michael Marrus. The Holocaust in History. Selections. Available as Course Packet
11. Adam Ulam. Expansion and Coexistence. Selections. Available as Course Packet

The following are available for purchase at the Campus Store. Some are in the form of a Course Packet (CP), as above. These packets can be reproduced quickly if you find the shelf empty. Just tell one of the TAs, the instructor, or Jim Lawrence (JSL10) in the Campus Store.

Military History

1. J. Glenn Gray. The Warriors. Pb
2. Rick Atkinson. An Army at Dawn. Pb
3. Hans von Luck. Panzer Commander. Pb
4. George S. Patton. War As I Knew It. pb

International Relations

1. A.J.P. Taylor. Origins of the Second World War. pb
2. Simon Berthon and Joanne Potts. Warlords. Pb
3. Robert Conot. Justice at Nuremberg. Pb
4. Joseph Borkin. The Crime and Punishment of I. G. Farben. (CP)

Resistance and Culture in the Home Front

1. Albert Camus. The Plague. Pb
2. David Hare. "Licking Hitler" and "Plenty" from The History Plays (CP)
3. Jean-Pierre Renouard. My Stripes Were Earned in Hell (CP)
4. Joseph Heller. Catch-22 pb

The Holocaust

1. Primo Levi. Survival in Auschwitz pb
2. Philip Hallie. Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed pb
3. Terence Des Pres. The Survivor pb
4. Hannah Arendt. Eichmann in Jerusalem pb

Remembering the War/Genocide

1. Alain Finkelkraut. Remembering in Vain. HB. There are also many second-hand copies available through the Internet.
2. Jan Tomasz Gross. Neighbors pb (Not yet available at Campus Store)
3. Istvan Deak, et al. The Politics of Retribution in Europe. Pb
4. Yehuda Bauer. Rethinking the Holocaust. pb

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

L=Lecture/Screening; RD=Readings for Discussion; R=Other Readings

27 Aug	Thu	Intro: The Shape of World War II
1 Sep	Tues	L: War and Politics: The Problem of Causes R: Wright, <u>Ordeal of Total War</u> , Chap 1
2 Sep	Wed	RD: Eubank, <u>World War Two</u> , 11-50, 69-177, 285-301
3 Sep	Thu	L: Hitler and the Coming of the War
8 Sep	Tues	R: Wright, Chap. II L: Strange Victory? The Fall of France
9 Sep	Wed	RD: Bloch, <u>Strange Defeat</u>
10 Sep	Thu	L: A Fascist War
15 Sep	Tues	R: Wright, Chap III L: Armies Brutalized
16 Sep	Wed	RD: Beevor, <u>Stalingrad</u> , Chaps 2, 4, 9-15, 17-19, 21
17 Sep	Thu	L: The Battle of Kursk: A Turning Point?
21 Sep	Mon	VISIT TO ARMY WAR COLLEGE THIS WEEK (Tentative)
22 Sep	Tues	R: Wright, Chap IV L: Italy's War
23 Sep	Wed	RD: Grigg, <u>1943</u> (May omit Part One except for II., III., IV.)
24 Sep	Thu	L: Britain's War
25 Sep	Fri	SMALL ARMS DEMONSTRATION
29 Sep	Tues	R: Wright, Chap V L: Discovering Genocide