

HISTORY 318

Section 801/Van Hall/Spring 2012

I. PURPOSE: To acquaint students with the fundamental, economic and social events of the period 1939-2000.

II. METHOD: The instructor has selected 26 topics, arranged roughly in chronological order, and each will be the subject of a lecture. Questions and comments are welcome during and after each.

III. TEXT: There is no assigned text for this course. The instructor will assign readings from various sources throughout the eight-week period.

IV. OUTSIDE READING: Each student must select and read two books which relate to subjects which fall roughly within the 1939 to 2000 time period. They must be approved by the instructor.

V. BOOK REVIEWS: Each student must submit two book reviews. Each review must be three-to-five pages (c.800 – 1300 words), typewritten and double-spaced in 12-point font. Two copies of each review must be made (one for the instructor and one to be retained by the student.) For guidance about what to put in the review, click: [BookReview](#)

VI. EXAMS: There will be six short quizzes and two major exams during the semester, plus a Final Exam. The major exams consist primarily of essay questions but there are also some identification items. The quizzes test student mastery of the relevant maps and reading assignments.

VII. GRADES: Grades will be computed on the following basis:

Each Semester Exam will count:	15% of the course grade
Each Book Review will count:	10%
Quiz Results will count	20%
The Final Exam will count:	30%

VIII. GRADE SCALE:

90 – 100	A
87 – 89	B+
80 – 86	B
77 – 79	C+
70 – 76	C
67 – 69	D+
60 – 66	D
– 59	F

IX. MISSED EXAMS: There is no penalty for missing one or both of the semester exams. If you miss one semester exam, then the Final Exam, which is cumulative, will count as 45% of your course grade. If you miss both exams, then the Final Exam will count 60%.

THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS.

X. REQUIRED OUTCOMES: Successful completion of this course will be evidence that the student is able to identify the major persons, events and developments of the period beginning in 1939 and possess sufficient understanding to discuss those matters cogently both on paper and in conversation. Each student will demonstrate a command of the changing map of Europe in the period 1939 – 2000. The main subjects of the course are WWII, European Recovery, the Cold War, Decolonization, and the Collapse of European Communism. Each student will demonstrate in essays a workable understanding of these subjects.

9 January	World War II World War II	
11 January	World War II World War II	
18 January	The Holocaust Conferences/ Devastated Europe	Yalta Agreements (Text)
23 January	End of Lend-Lease JCS 1067	Byrnes' Stuttgart Speech Marshall's Harvard Speech
25 January	Western – Soviet Divide Cold War	The Long Telegram (Text)
30 January	Occupation Policy: JCS 1779 Arabs and Israelis	
1 February	FIRST EXAM The Berlin Airlift	NATO Treaty (Text)
6 February	The Federal Republic Korea	German Basic Law (Text)
8 February	The Federal Republic ECSC → European Union	
13 February	Death of Stalin/ Khrushchev Years MAD: Nuclear Weapons	
15 February	End of Empires: Peaceful End of Empire: Violent (France)	
20 February	SECOND EXAM 1960s	
22 February	Recovery and Stagnation Glasnost and Perestroika	
27 February	End of the Cold War New Problems	

FINAL EXAM: 5:30 – 8:00, Wednesday 29 February 2012

Last Day to Drop without a 'WF'---2 February

**Office Hours: MW 12:00 – 1:30, 5:00 – 5:20
TTH 10:00 – 11:00, 12:20 – 1:30
FRI 12:00 – 1:00**

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