HIST 4337 - Europe, 1919-1945

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Course Description

This course is a survey of the events in Europe following World War I, including the Russian Revolution, the rise of totalitarianism, and the coming of World War II. Special emphasis is placed on diplomacy, from the Paris Peace Conference to the failure of the League of Nations and rise of Nazi Germany.

Course objectives

- 1. Understand how the forces of revolution and nationalism unleashed in the First World War affected the Twentieth century.
- 2 Understand the international system that emerged from the Armistice, and led to the outbreak of yet a more terrible war in Europe.
- 3. Comprehend the struggle of ideologies that dominated Europe and the world in the Twentieth Century;
- 4. Analyze the failure of international cooperation and peacekeeping after the Peace of Paris.
- 5. Comprehend the vulnerability of democratic governments in conditions of crisis;

Textbook

Robin Winks and RJQ Adams, *Europe: Crisis and Conflict 1890-1945*, New York: Oxford UP, 2003. ISBN 978-0-19-515450-4

—A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore

Course Requirements

There will be two exams, a midterm and a final. The exams are half essay and half multiple choice/true-false. The Final Exam is not comprehensive. The essay portion concerns class lecture and the multiple-choice questions test knowledge of the text. Lectures and readings

complement one another but do not follow exactly the same organization. You are expected to be familiar enough with the readings to apply the material to class discussions as well as to respond to written and oral questions based on the readings. We will not spend class time going over the book, *per se*. Readings and lectures for this course are complementary. Each exam will have two essay questions, students will choose one. The essays will cover material in lectures up to the date of the exam.

The written assignment is two book reviews, 3-5 pages in length and covering books from the approved list and following guidelines elsewhere in this syllabus (see below). Reviews of unapproved books will not be accepted.

Grading Criteria for Essays

The essay questions are structured to require students to demonstrate mastery of the major events and personalities we cover as they illustrate the major themes of our course. These themes are summarized in the course objectives. At the beginning of each lecture, I write key terms on the board for that day, and will expect mastery of those terms if you write an essay on that topic. Grades for essays are based upon the demonstrated depth and breadth of understanding of those elements.

I will provide a study-guide for each exam with key terms, events, personalities from the chapters covered for that exam (See course schedule). Each multiple-choice/true-false question will involve key terms from the study guide.

Late Policy:

Any assignment submitted after the due date/time will be subject to a penalty of 10 percent per 24 hour period late.

Attendance Policy:

Full attendance and active participation are keys to having meaningful and productive class activities and discussions. Students are expected to attend every class and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings for the day.

Make-up Work

Make-up work may only be done for valid and verifiable reasons such as illness, death in the immediate family, legal proceedings, participation in University-sponsored activities, and military deployment. If possible, notification should be in advance and the make-up should be taken as close to the exam date as practical. Make-up exams may be in a different format, such as writing an extra essay. **No Make-up exams will be given during finals week**.

University Policies and Information

Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select "Chat with Canvas Support," submit a support request through "Report a Problem," or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Online Proctored Testing

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Academic Accommodations

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you

provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information, please visit our Access & Inclusion Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more information regarding the student conduct process,

[https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may submit a referral,

 $[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas\&layout_id=0].$

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the Drop Request Dynamic

Form through Warrior Web.

[https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpId=https://eisprod.ec.tamuct.edu:443/samlsso&SpSessionAuthnAdapterId=tamuctDF&TargetResource=https%3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits. Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit Student Affairs [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website

[http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both virtually and in-person. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question, are interested in becoming a tutor, or in need of success coaching contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, visit the Warrior Center at 212 Warrior Hall, or by emailing WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu.

To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit Tutor Matching Services [https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT] or visit the Tutoring Center in 111 Warrior Hall.

Chat live with a remote tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Library & Archives

The University Library & Archives provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 350 electronic databases containing approximately 631,525 eBooks and 75,149 journals, in addition to the 97,443 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams or in-person at the library. Schedule an appointment here

[https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments]. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website

[https://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

University Writing Center

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University—Central Texas (A&M—Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M—Central Texas students. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday in Warrior Hall 416 (with online tutoring available every hour as well) with satellite hours available online only Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WCOnline [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Wellness and Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L). Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the referral online

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the Behavioral Intervention Team website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/bit]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central T

Evaluation

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion:

Evaluation

A. Course Requirements total 400.

Midterm Exam	100 points	25%
Final Exam	100 points	25%
Book Review One	100 points	25%
Book Review Two	100 points	25%

Total 400 points

Your final grade is based on a traditional letter- number system.

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A = 90-100% (360-400 points)
B = 80-89% (320-359 points)
C = 70-79% (280-319 points)
D = 60-69% (240-279 points)
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Class Schedule

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Aug 28	Introduction – Modern EuropeWWI
Aug 30	The Great War
Sept 4	Paris 1919
Sept 6	Paris 1919
Sept 11	Russian Revolution
Sept 13	Lenin and Stalin
Sept 18	Weimar, Kapp Putsch
Sept 20	Birth of NSDAP
Sept 25	Ruhr Crisis
Sept 27	Washington Conference
Oct 2	Rise of Mussolini, March on Rome
Oct 4	Britain in the 1920s
Oct 9	France in the 1920s
Oct 11	Kellog-Briand, Locarno
Oct 16	Midterm Exam, chapters 1-3, Review 1 is due
Oct 23	Last days of Weimar
Oct 25	Hitler's rise to power
Oct 30	Hitler's consolidation of power
Nov 1	Manchuria
Nov6	Croix de Feu and Popular Front
Nov 8	Ethiopia
Nov 13	German rearmament, Rhineland, Spanish Civil War
Nov 15	Sino-Japanese War and Anschluss
Nov 20	Munich
Nov 22	Writing
Nov 27	Czechoslovakia, outbreak of war
Nov 29	non-aggression pact
Dec 4	Open
Dec 6	Open
Dec 11	Final Exam chapters 4-6, Review 2 is due

Book Review Guidelines

Reviews should be three to five pages in length and conform to the style of academic reviews. There is no cover page. Heading is the bibliographical information of the book. Text is double-spaced with **one-inch margins and 12-point type**, usually the default on your word processor.

There should be no sub-headings. Your name and "Texas A&M Central Texas" should be at the end of your review.

Good style and grammar are expected. Papers should follow the standards in Strunk and White *Elements of Style*.

The objective of the review is critical analysis of the merits of the book. Description of the scope of the book should occupy no more than a paragraph. You should produce an academic review rather than a book report. Reading reviews in historical journals will give you some idea of the format and questions you should address, but it is not a good idea to read reviews of the same book you are reviewing to ensure you draw your own conclusions.

You must address the basic questions of author's thesis, purpose, and objectivity. Be specific and support your conclusions. If the book was a good read explain what made it that way. Appraise the author's style and extent of research, including an evaluation of sources. Examples or illustrations from the book should be brief paraphrases. As a rule avoid quotes, especially lengthy ones. You need not cite elements from the book with a note. The only occasion for references is if you introduce some other academic review. You should compare your review with another's work, if at all, only after you have arrived at your own conclusions. Caution is advised in this regard. Plagiarism results in a failing grade and perhaps further action.

Papers should be in Microsoft Word, double spaced, 12 point type, Times New Roman. Submit papers as email attachments in Canvas.

How to Write a Book Review:
A Guide for Students
HUGH B. HAMMETT

From The Social Studies (November 1974):263-65

Sooner or later most students who take history courses will be required to write a critical book review. The assignment is especially popular with harassed instructors who have too many students to require full-scale term papers but who would feel guilt without asking their students for some kind of written exercise outside of class. Book reviews are not particularly popular with students, however, because the average person has very little idea how to proceed with such a project. The enterprising student cannot find much help in sources like the New York Times Book Review or the New York Review of Books (since essays in these publications usually reveal far more about the reviewer than about the work under discussion. Nor should historians deceive themselves that journals like the American Historical Review or the Journal of American History offer more reliable guides. Unfortunately, most scholarly reviews are written solely for scholars (i.e., specialists) and all too frequently the only point that is made is that the reviewer knows more about the subject, or thinks he does, than the author of the volume under discussion.

The following suggestions are addressed to the student who wants to know how to go about reviewing a book. These suggestions assume that the review will be written for submission in class; but it will be well to observe that the good student will think through all of following areas as he reads, even if no written assignment is involved:

I. Publication Information Should Be Complete. This information will be important if anyone later wants to procure a copy of the volume; also, certain publishers specialize in books on particular subjects or with special political ideas. You should give the *author's full name*, the *complete title* of the book, and the *place, publisher and date* of publication. For example:

Thomas Bailey, *The Art of Diplomacy: the American Experience.* New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1968.

If you use a revised edition, be sure to make a note of it since revisions often incorporate new or different material.

II. The Author's Background Is Important to a Thorough Analysis of Any Book. Would you pay attention to an unsigned letter? What difference is there in reviewing a book by an author of whom you know nothing? What if the author is a Communist, teaching in an East German university? Or what if he is an Eastern European émigré to the United States and a virulent anti-communist? Would it be to your advantage in reading a book about race relations to know that the author is white and has spent his entire life in Mississippi? Would it be well to know that a scholar writing about United States-Canadian relations was born and educated in Canada? Or might a diplomatic historian trained in a Latin American university possibly have a different attitude toward the Monroe Doctrine than a professor educated in the United States? If a man has studied and written about the medieval frontier for all of his scholarly career, would you wisely be cautious if he suddenly published a monograph about Internal politics in Vietnam?

III. There Are Certain Things That Every Book Review Should Contain. Without this basic information your reader cannot tell whether the book would be valuable for his own use. What is the *purpose* of the book? Usually in the preface or the first chapter of a monograph (works on special topics in history are "monographs," not novels), meet that need. You should keep the stated purpose in mind as you read. If the author does not do what he said he would, then his book has failed one important test.

What is the scope of the book? What period of time does it cover? What kind of history does it include: political, economic, social, diplomatic, intellectual?

Are there *major themes* that are essential to understanding the book? Identify them. More important, is there a particular *thesis* (or original idea, a new contribution) that the author is trying to prove? You should determine whether or not

the author offers evidence to support his thesis.

Are there *basic flaws* in the book? Point them out. Are there *sections that are exceptionally well done*? Commend them.

Is the book especially *relevant* in the light of contemporary events? Does it make any *overall contribution to* our knowledge of history that characterizes the book as a distinguished volume?

IV. Sources Must Also Be Considered. No assessment of a book is complete without some comment on the scholarly evidence from which the author draws. Are there footnotes? Is there an extensive bibliography? Does the author use *primary source material* (documents, diaries, letters, newspapers, journals) or does he confine himself to *secondary materials* (books written by other authorities on the same subject)? Usually, more scholarly works will heavily employ original research in primary sources. "Popularized," "derivative," or "synthesized" works draw principally on the books of others.

V. Reviews Must Be Specific As Well As General. For every generalization that you make about the book, you should offer one or two specific examples clearly illustrating what you mean. If for no other reason, your specific illustrations will show your instructor that you have conscientiously read the book and that you have attained a certain mastery of basic factual material.

One word of caution is necessary about the use of extensive quotations. Merely to string sections of quoted material throughout your paper does not make your work scholarly. Each quotation that you use should be clearly linked to the material you are discussing. The quotation must be introduced by an appropriate comment that shows its relationship to the subject at hand.

Do not fall into the use of quotations out of laziness. Never borrow directly unless the quotation is so eloquent, witty, or precise that you could not possibly express the same idea in a better way yourself.

VI. Reviews Must Be Both Descriptive And Analytical. Would you believe that many reviews which are submitted might be written by the average bright student who has read only the table of contents and thumbed through the volume? You should communicate a few of the author's significant ideas. Why are they important? What disagreements or reservations would you have? If a book is "good," why? If a book is "boring," why? (Oh yes, any book over one hundred pages is not automatically boring.)

Above all, do not be afraid to give your own opinion. Too often student papers are cop-outs--exercises in trying to say as little as possible. Avoid the use of the passive voice:

"Jefferson was said to....(Who said it? The author?

You? Jefferson's friends? His enemies?)

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"It is believed...."
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"England is shown...."

Also avoid weasel words:

"The author appears to say...." (Does he say it or not?)

"The book seems to say...."

"It may or may not be true...."

Be direct about what the author says and about what you think. Clearly distinguish between your ideas and those of the author.

Your instructors are aware that you are not an authority on the material you are studying. But they also know that you are a bright, intelligent person and are capable of forming critical judgments. Do not be intimidated by an author. Be decisive and forceful-even if it is only to state your approval of what you have read. For the purposes of learning, most teachers believe that it is better for you to attempt a critical judgment that may turn out to be unfounded than to make no judgment at all.

If you would like to see what other authorities have said about a book, check the *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature* in the reference section at the library. It will direct you to journals where reviews have been published.

VII. Work Hard on Your Writing. Painful as it is to be so blunt, the writing in the majority of student papers runs from barely adequate to abominable. Too many papers are mechanically sloppy. You should understand that correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, choice of word, and syntax are not important merely because they are traditional or because English has "always been done that way." They are important because they make your writing clear. They enable you to say exactly what you mean.

Without the ability to write clearly and correctly, you will be an intellectual cripple all of your life. In spite of the onslaught by television, the printed word is still the most common means of communication among highly educated people. It does not matter how brilliant or how noble

your intentions. Without the ability to write forcefully and clearly, your gifts will be wasted. How far do you think Thomas Jefferson would have gotten had he written, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men is created equal..."?

A final suggestion may help. If you type your paper or have someone else do it (all instructors appreciate typed work, and some may require it), be sure to proofread your work before turning it in. Even after one typing, re-write your paper if necessary. Teachers have considerable sympathy for those students who try but who have never learned to write well: but they have little patience and show little mercy

in awarding grades for those who are too careless to use their dictionaries or are too lazy to read their own papers before submitting them.

Historians as a rule pride themselves on a fine sense of the language. Moreover, history is one of the few disciplines left that offers the average educated person a clear and readable body of knowledge unencumbered by jargon and complicated by special vocabulary. Your papers will be most successful and your grades will be noticeably higher if your writing is in this tradition.

Book List

Margaret MacMillan Paris 1919

AJP Taylor Origins of the Second World War

Lafore The End of Glory
Carsten The Rise of Fascism,
Nolte Three Faces of Fascism

AJP Taylor Origins of the Second World War, Munich

Adams British Appeasement and the Origins of World War II
Churchill Memoirs of the Second World War: The Gathering Storm

Bullock Study in Tyranny, Hitler-Stalin: Parallel Lives

Conquest Harvest of Sorrow

Bernard The Decline of the Third Republic

Jacobson Locarno Diplomacy
Bosworth The Italian Dictatorship

Hidden Republican and Fascist Germany
Martin France and the Apres Guerre

Parkinson Peace for Our Time
Shen The Age of Appeasement

Shirer Rise and Fall of the Third Reich

Weinberg The Foreign Policy of Hitler's Germany

Martel Origins of the Second World War Reconsidered

Hildebrand Foreign Policy of the Third Reich

Thomas The Spanish Civil War

Kettenacker The Fascist Challenge and the Policy of Appearement

Loewenheim Peace or Appeasement?

Tucker Stalin as Revolutionary; Stalin in Power

Parker Churchill and Appeasement
Nicholls Weimar and the Rise of Hitler

Smith Mussolini

Mee The End of Order

Mallett Mussolini and the Origins of the Second World War

Graham Spanish Republic at War 1936-1939

Pons Stalin and the Inevitable War

Bloch Strange Defeat McLoughlin Stalin's Terror

Newman European Democracy Between the Wars

Gilbert Churchill

Fitzpatrick The Russian Revolution

Horne To Lose a Battle
Manchester The Last Lion, vol. II

Volkogonov Lenin, Stalin