

BOSTON COLLEGE
WOODS COLLEGE OF ADVANCING STUDIES
HS 028.01 Summer 2009
Social and Cultural Europe Since the French Revolution

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Required Text

Jackson J. Spielvogel, Western Civilization Volume C: Since 1789
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Course Description

This course examines the major developments of modern European history from the French Revolution to the present. These developments will be studied from a political, social, cultural, and economic point of view, not simply for the impact they had on Europe but also for their wider global significance. We will be examining the major underlying trends during this period to see how the West transformed itself as it entered the modern age. Throughout the course, issues of class, race, gender, and ethnicity will be to the fore as we strive to discover how we came to live the way we do today.

Objectives of the Course

- A) Students will acquire knowledge of the major developments in modern Europe since 1789.
- B) Students will learn to think critically and independently about these developments and their implications.
- C) Students will acquire a global appreciation of the impact of European events and themes.
- D) Students will be able to apply this theoretical knowledge in practical ways, which will include written and oral presentations.

Requirements

Midterm	30%	DATE: JULY 20
Discussion Portfolio	30%	DUE: Last Day of Class
Final Exam	40%	DATE: AUG 5

Comments

Each class meeting will consist of a combination of lecture and discussion. Class participation is a major part of this course. Discussion will be based around the document extracts contained within the week's assigned reading of the text, as well on video segments where appropriate. You will be graded according to the level and quality of your oral contributions to class. To help stimulate discussion, you will be asked to complete topic sheets for each discussion. These topic sheets, constituting a portfolio, will be collected at the Final Exam. They will represent the concrete element of your class performance.

Schedule

M Jun 29	Introduction to the course The French Revolution The Napoleonic Wars	
W Jul 1	The Industrial Revolution Read: Text, Ch. 19 Discussion: Documents, Ch. 19	
M Jul 6	Liberalism, Conservatism, and Nationalism Read: Text, Ch. 20 Discussion: Documents, Ch. 20	
W Jul 8	Age of Capital and Nationalism Read: Text, Ch. 21 Discussion: Documents, Ch.21	
M Jul 13	Society in the Age of Capital Read: Text, Ch. 22 Discussion: Documents, Chs. 22 and 23	
W Jul 15	New Imperialism Read: Text, Ch. 24 Discussion: Documents, Ch. 24	
M Jul 20	Midterm: One Hour World War One Read: Text, Ch. 25	MIDTERM
W Jul 22	Results of World War One The 1920s Read: Text, Ch. 26 Discussion: Documents, Ch. 25	
M Jul 27	Causes of World War Two Read: Text, Ch. 27 Discussion: Documents, Ch. 27	
W Jul 29	World War Two Emergence of the Cold War Read: Text, Ch. 28 Discussion: Documents, Ch. 28	
M Aug 3	End of the Cold War Read: Text, Ch. 30 Exam Review	
W Aug 5	FINAL EXAM Discussion Portfolio Due	