Metropolitan State University

HIST 355 : Problems of Contemporary Europe in Historical Perspective

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

What is Europe? Who is a European? How broadly can Europe be defined? How have recent social, political, and economic
changes affected Europe? Using the lens provided by the past, serious problems facing Europeans today are examined in an effort
to understand the causes and consequences of issues that have importance not only within Europe, but also within the world
community.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/24/2002 - 12/14/2015 12/15/2015 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Acquires an understanding of contemporary Europe and its problems in both the East and West, consistent with the
analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses
completed at a comprehensive university.
2. Gains awareness of how differences rooted in the past have affected Europeans today, consistent with the analytical and
expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a
comprehensive university
3. Learns how to formulate an historical question and use historical thinking to illuminate a specific issue or problem
current in Europe today, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively
characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
4. Understands how historical experiences have contributed to the origins and responses to a range of contemporary
European problems and issues, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are
distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
5. Understands the European responses to cultural, political, and economic influences from beyond its borders, consistent
with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division
courses completed at a comprehensive university.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

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None