

EUH 3035 Nazi Germany

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Class Period: Period 3, 9:35-10:25

Course Description:

In this course, students will grapple with the significance of the Nazi era for modern German history. The course's topics will include the origins of the movement, its growth and rise to power in the unstable environment of the Weimar Republic, the National Socialists' utopian vision and their various efforts to implement it, and the relationship between state and society. Students will also consider the nature of everyday life in the Third Reich, the persecution of Jews and other minorities, the uses of terror, the horrific culmination of the regime's ideological goals in the Second World War and the Holocaust, and, finally, the memory of the period.

Required Materials:

Epstein, Catherine, *Nazi Germany: Confronting the Myths*, (New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 1st edition, 2015). ISBN: 1118294785

Additional primary and secondary source readings will be made available by the instructor and posted on Canvas.

Assignments and Grading Criteria:

Reaction Papers:

Students are required to complete **six** reaction papers during the semester (Weeks 1 and 16 are excluded). Students are free to decide which weeks to complete papers, however **three** must be completed before spring break. Each paper must be 1-2 pages in length (double spaced) and should be written using that week's assigned reading. Focus on the secondary and primary sources provided to you, **not the textbook**. Papers are due before discussion section (on Fridays) and must be submitted on Canvas.

Book Review:

Students are required to write a **four to five page** book review. Students are required to pick a book on any aspect of Nazi Germany (or its aftermath) and write a critical review. A list of suggested books will be provided, but students are welcomed to pick a book not on the list, however the instructor must grant prior approval of your choice. These papers must follow the proper rules of grammar, should be typed, in 12 pt. font and be in Times New Roman, with 1 inch margins. Additional sources are not required for this assignment, but if they are used citations must be in proper format, the student may decide whether to use APA, MLA, Chicago or Turabian.

Midterm Exam:

The midterm exam will cover the first half of the course. The exam will consist of short answer identifications and an essay question. You must provide your own blue book for the exam. Essay questions will be posted on Canvas prior to the exam.

Final Exam:

The final exam will cover the entire course, however identifications will come exclusively from the second half. As with the midterm the exam will consist of short answer identifications and an essay question. Again blue books are required. The essay questions will be posted on Canvas prior to the exam.

Attendance and Participation:

Attendance and participation are critical to success in this course. Each student is required to attend both lecture and discussion regularly. Discussion section will be on Fridays. Students are required to arrive at discussion section ready to participate. This means that each student should have completed all required reading and be ready to discuss them. Students will be graded not on how often they participate, but on the quality of their contributions.

Late Papers and Make-Up Exams:

Late reaction papers will not be accepted. Late book reviews will receive a deduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ a **letter grade per day**. Make-up exams will be given in extraordinary circumstances and for other documented reasons, all of which must be discussed with the instructor.

Grade Breakdown:

Reaction Papers: 15%
Book Review: 20%
Midterm Exam: 25%
Final Exam: 30%
Attendance and Participation: 10%

Numerical Grading Scale:

A 93-100	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-67
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62
B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 68-69	F <59

Classroom Etiquette:

Proper classroom etiquette is key to a productive learning environment so please observe a few general ground rules:

-Please do not come late to class and if you absolutely must arrive late enter the room with the least amount of disruption possible. The same goes for leaving early, and if you must leave early please discuss this with the instructor prior to class.

-Silence cell phones and put them away before the beginning of class.

-Technology such as laptops or tablets may be used for the purpose of taking notes or to refer to discussion readings only. Use beyond this will result in a deduction from the student's final grade.

-There will be no food allowed during class.

Academic Integrity:

Please be aware of the University's policy on plagiarism. If the student has any questions about what constitutes plagiarism do not hesitate to ask the instructor. All plagiarism offenses will be reported on a Faculty Adjudication Form and forwarded to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. You may get additional information on the University of Florida's Judicial Affairs process at: <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/>

Furthermore, UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge, which applies to all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida. The code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns requiring issues of academic integrity or the Honor pledge please consult with the instructor.

The Honor Code is available at: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honorcode/>

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Contact Information: (Tel) 352-392-8565, (Website) www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/

Course Schedule:

Week 1: January 5-8 Course Introduction

Wednesday: Introductions and Syllabus

Friday: Bismarck and the Creation of the German Empire

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Preface.

Week 2: January 11-15 World War I and its Aftermath

Monday: The Spirit of 1914: Germany and WWI

Wednesday: Versailles and the Chaotic Peace

Friday: Discussion- The Stab-in-the-Back

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 1, and Folder for Week 2

Week 3: January 18-22 Hitler

Monday: **MLK Holiday No Class!**

Wednesday: Hitler, the Jews and Lebensraum

Friday: Discussion- Hitler's World View

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 2 (Pgs., 21-32) and Folder for Week 3

Week 4: January 25-29 The Nazi Rise to Power

Monday: In the Wilderness

Wednesday: The Depression and the Nazi Rise to Power

Friday: Discussion- The Nazi Ascension to Power

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 2 (Pgs., 32-43) and Folder for Week 4

Week 5: February 1-5 The Police State

Monday: Himmler and the German Police

Wednesday: The Concentration Camp System

Friday: Discussion- The Police State and the Nazi Consolidation of Power

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 3 and Folder for Week 5

Week 6: February 8-12 The Racial State

Monday: Men, Women and Children

Wednesday: The Disabled

Friday: The Jews (No discussion this week I will be lecturing. You may turn in a reaction paper.)

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 4 and Folder for Week 6

Week 7: February 15-19 Ordinary Germans and the Nazi State

Monday: Ordinary Germans and the Nazi State (**Book List**)

Wednesday: Foreign Policy and German Rearmament

Friday: Discussion- A Consensual Dictatorship?

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 5 and Folder for Week 7

Week 8: February 22-26 Midterm Week

Monday: Midterm Review

Wednesday: **Midterm Exam (In Class)**

Friday: **No Class**

Week 9: March 1-4 Spring Break

NO CLASS- SPRING BREAK!!!

Week 10: March 7-11 The Beginning of World War II

Monday: Starting WWII: The Invasion of Poland

Wednesday: The Invasion of Western Europe

Friday: Discussion- Outsiders in Wartime

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 6 (Pgs., 123-136) and Folder for Week 10

Week 11: March 14-18 War in the East

Monday: Operation Barbarossa

Wednesday: War on the Eastern Front

Friday: Discussion- Total War in the East

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 6 (Pgs., 136-148), Chapter 8 (Pgs., 179-191) and Folder for Week 11

Week 12: March 21-25 The Final Solution (Part I)

Monday: Poland and its Ghettos

Wednesday: Shooting Squads in the East

Friday: Discussion- Ordinary Men?

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 7 (Pgs., 149-159) and Folder for Week 12

Week 13: March 28-April 1 The Final Solution (Part II)

Monday: The Death Camps

Wednesday: The Holocaust in Hungary

Friday: Discussion- What Ordinary Germans Knew?

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 7 (Pgs., 159-177) and Folder for Week 13

Week 14: April 4-8 Resistance

Monday: **NO CLASS WORK ON YOUR PAPERS!**

Wednesday: Ordinary Germans: The White Rose and Rosenstrasse and July 20th

Friday: Discussion- Resistance in Nazi Germany

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 8 (Pgs., 192-197), and Folder for Week 14

Week 15: April 11-15 The Defeat of Nazi Germany

Monday: Stalingrad and the Beginning of the End (**PAPERS DUE IN-CLASS**)

Wednesday: German Defeat

Friday: Discussion- Aftermath

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Chapter 8 (Pgs., 198-209) and Folder for Week 15

Week 16: April 18-20 The Destruction of Nazi Germany and its Aftermath

Monday: Germany After the Collapse of the Third Reich

Wednesday: Final Exam Review

Required Reading: Epstein, *Nazi Germany*, Epilogue

Final Exam: April 27th 7:30-9:30am