



Syllabus

Borders and Identity in Germany: A Historical View - 54615

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: Cont. German Studies:politics, Soc.&Cult

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In this course we will delve into key events of German history while moving in a chronological order from the beginning of the nineteenth century to the twenty-first century. The main themes will focus on the changing borders as well as identities of this multifaceted central European entity(s). The course includes the following core questions: What are the key events that shaped German borders and identities? Can we speak of "one" Germany? What does the altering borders of the German entity inform us about its multiple identities? These central questions analyze major thematic subjects such as religious differences (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish), geographical considerations (North – South , East – West) ethnic identities etc. These themes are crucial to the course since they overlap in their relevance to German history and do not necessarily "belong" to a certain period .

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Be knowledgeable of key events in German History
Able to analyze core questions in German identity
Acquainted with canonical and less canonical primary and secondary sources on Modern Germany*

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

*Introduction: The German Speaking People of Central Europe
Napoleonic Wars – The first signs of German Nationalism
1848 – Revolution and Disappointment
1871 – Unity under Prussia
Kulturkampf- Bismarck's Policy
The Colonial and Naval Race
WWI-Alsace Lorraine (here we go again)
Weimar Republic –
Nazism – Expansion and Lebensraum
East and West: The Two Germanies
1989: Reunited?
The EU- A German Led Project*

Required Reading:

Breuilly, John. *Nineteenth-century Germany: Politics, Culture and Society 1780-1918*. Second ed. London, UK; New York, NY, 2020.

Greenberg, Udi. *The Weimar Century: German Immigration and the Ideological Foundations of the Cold War*. Princeton University Press, 2015.

Hagen, William. *Germany in Modern Times: Four Lives of the Nation*. Cambridge UP, 2012.

Kaes, Anton and Martin Jay, Edward Dimendberg (eds.), *The Weimar Republic Sourcebook*. Berkeley: UC, 1994.

Schulze, Hagen. *The Course of German Nationalism: From Frederick the Great to Bismarck 1763-1867*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991.

Sheehan, James. *German History, 1770-1866*. Oxford: OUP, 1989

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 20 %

Project work 60 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: