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History and Civilization
Europe in the World, the World in Europe

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This course analyzes major developments in international relations among European nations and between Europe and the rest of the world, from the eighteenth to the beginning of the twenty first century. It will consider the ways in which European countries intersected processes of nation-building with imperial expansion in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, it will analyze how Europe's place in the world was redefined by the Cold War and by decolonization after 1945. The last part of the course will examine how Europe and European identity have changed after the end of the Cold War and in the context of globalization. The course will adopt an interdisciplinary approach to the study of its subject matter. It will intersect an analysis of diplomatic relations with an attention to culture and everyday life, gender and race.

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the main events and interpretations of European and international history. It will combine lectures with readings, films and discussion, and will analyze a variety of primary sources, such as novels, newspaper articles, state documents, advertisements and documentaries.

Students are expected to attend every class and come prepared for discussion. Requirements for the course include: 1) **attendance** and participation; 2) **regular in-class discussions** of the assigned readings, which will analyze a series of questions about the topics covered in the lectures; 3) midterm **written exam** 4) a **final in-class exam**, which will include a series of questions about the readings and lectures.

The textbooks for this course are: D. S. Mason, *A Concise History of Modern Europe*, 2nd edition (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2011), pp.13-92; B. G. Smith, *Europe in the Contemporary World, 1900 to the Present* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2007).

Students will have to study the following books: M. Mazower, *Dark continent: Europe's Twentieth century* (London: Penguin books, 1999); J. Osterhammel-N. P. Petersson, *Globalization: a short history* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009).

Assessment

Attendance and Participation:	40%
In-class discussions:	30%
Final Exam:	30%

Week 1 - Europe in a Global World, 18th and 19th centuries

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Week 3 - European Empires, World War I and its Consequences

Week 4 - Fascisms and Totalitarianisms

Week 5 - Fascisms, Totalitarianisms and World War II

Week 6 - Rebuilding Europe and the Beginning of the Cold War

Week 7 - The Global Cold War and Decolonization

Week 8 - The Process of European Integration

Week 9 - Towards the End of the Cold War

Week 10 - The End of the Cold War and Globalization

Week 11 - The Process of Globalization

Week 12 - Europe in a Globalized World