

# HIST 3359 Twentieth Century Europe

Fall 2020

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**Virtual Office Hours:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-2 pm, and by appointment. Zoom links for these virtual hours are posted on Canvas.

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## **Online Structure:**

This course is asynchronous, which means there will be live lectures BUT it is not mandatory to attend. These lectures will be recorded and posted on Canvas immediately afterwards and you can watch them whenever works for you. This is the best way to bridge the gap between face to face instruction and the flexibility of the world we're currently living in.

Whether you decide to attend the live lectures or watch the recordings, you are responsible for all the course material (lectures, any extra videos, and readings) during each week. During these live lectures you do not need to have your video or mic on, but you can ask questions in real time. You are welcome to voice your questions through the Zoom chat or by turning your microphone on. As with any class, I expect professionalism and polite discourse.

The live lectures will be Tuesdays and Thursday at 2-3:30 pm during what was our original time slot.

## **Course Description:**

The twentieth century was one of great change in European history. While the century began as one of great promise with the proliferation of the motor car, manned flight, and moving pictures, by 1914 the continent was plunged into the Great War which, due to the violence of the century, was later referred to as the First World War. The interwar years saw the rise of fascism which ultimately led to the Second World War. After 1945 European nations were immediately forced to choose sides in the Cold War: communism versus democracy. And by the end of the century with the end of the Soviet bloc, Europe stood on yet another precipice of significant change. This course will cover this tumultuous and complicated century.

## **Course Objectives:**

By the end of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- analyze significant issues, trends and developments during the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Europe

- demonstrate knowledge that history is not simply the recitation of names and dates, but instead is a fluid subject where interpretations are constantly changing as a result of different methodologies and patterns of analysis
- analyze and synthesize sources in order to put forward a well-supported argument of their own
- make a clearly written and presented argument, including a thesis and sufficient and well-used supporting detail

**Required Readings:**

Christopher Isherwood, *Goodbye to Berlin* (New York: New Directions, 1935/2008)

Slavenka Drakulic, *How We Survived Communism and Almost Laughed* (New York: Harper Perennial, 1993)

Patrick Keefe, *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* (New York: First Anchor Books, 2019)

Additional short readings uploaded to Canvas.

**Requirements and Grades:**

Weekly responses (11 x 15 points each)	165 points
<i>Berlin Stories</i> Essay	100 points
<i>Say Nothing</i> Essay	100 points
<i>How We Survived Communism</i> Essay	100 points
Final Exam	200 points
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**Explanation of Assignments:**

**Weekly responses:** These responses should be at least 2 *full* pages in length (you are more than welcome to go over that page minimum) and should address the major themes of the week and critically analyze these major issues. Strong responses will synthesize lecture. These are geared to help you prepare your thoughts for discussions and will provide a helpful tool when preparing for the final exam. They also demonstrate your mastery of the material. **These are due Sundays by 11:59pm and will be uploaded to Canvas. No late submissions accepted.**

**Essays:** You will write three 6-page papers examining Isherwood’s *Berlin Stories*, Patrick O’Keefe’s *Say Nothing*, and Slavenka Drakulic *How We Survived Communism*.

- The prompts for these essays will be passed out at least 2 weeks ahead of the deadline.

**Final Exam:** There will be a take home, essay format final exam covering the entire semester. Instructions for the final exam will be distributed one week prior to the exam due date. Essays will need to synthesize lecture and class readings to demonstrate your mastery of the term's information. This final is cumulative and therefore the responses must reflect the entirety of the semester.

### **Quizzes:**

I reserve the right to give short quizzes over the assigned readings or other course material. Each quiz will be multiple choice and will be worth ten points. Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class and **there are no opportunities to make up missed quizzes.**

**THERE WILL BE NO INCOMPLETES** for failure to complete an assignment. Assignments not turned in will result in a 0 for that assignment.

### **Course Etiquette:**

1. Make sure to have your Canvas notifications sent to your email. You are responsible for staying up to date on deadlines, announcements, etc.
  - a. You are responsible for all class lectures, readings, and any other videos assigned.
2. Late assignments lose **10 points** deducted from their grade for each day the assignment is late.
3. **No** emailed assignments will be accepted. Assignments **must** be submitted on Canvas as directed on the assignment.
4. **Online Etiquette:**
  - a. The classroom space is for intellectual growth and to achieve that we must all be respectful and courteous to each other. Respect is a must! We will not always all agree (that is the heart of academics!) but it is crucial that we express our ideas in a respectful way. If a student does not adhere to these guidelines, they will receive a 0 on the weekly responses and, upon further infractions, they will be reported to the university and receive a 0 in the course.
    - i. **Use technology responsibly and considerately.** It is tempting to surf the internet, check your phone, etc. while in a Zoom classroom but please refrain.
    - ii. **Be courteous:** Remain patient, ask/wait for clarification, avoid assumptions and rushed judgement. Forgive mistakes and apologize for errors.
    - iii. **Be a good colleague:** Remember your role as a student in the course. Make sure you're following directions. Be authentic and collaborative with colleagues. Be aware of your behavior and how others interpret your communication.

- iv. Be professional: Proofread your own writing for spelling, grammar, and punctuation to prevent miscommunication. Avoid slang, sarcasm, or emotionally charged writing. Profanity and offensive language will not be tolerated.
5. When you email me, I will make sure to respond to you within 24 hours on weekdays. On weekends it may take longer but I will definitely get back to you within 48 hours at the latest.
  - a. When you email me, address your email to: Professor/Dr. Link and sign it with your name.
  - b. If you have a procedural question –about due dates, what the assignment requirements are, etc. –check the syllabus and the materials on Canvas, as your answer may be there, and you can know immediately, rather than awaiting an email reply.
  - c. I will always address you directly and respectfully in my emails to each of you; I ask the same courtesy in return. If students continue to refuse to address the faculty by name, I reserve the right to not reply to the email.

### **COVID-19 related information**

1. If you contract COVID-19 or are caring for a sick loved one, please let me know asap so that we can arrange alternate deadlines. No doctor's note is required.
2. Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.
3. Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email [saroffice@uttyler.edu](mailto:saroffice@uttyler.edu).
- 4. Recording of Class Sessions**
  - a. Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course

and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

**Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR):**

University of Texas at Tyler is committed to creating a learning environment that meets the needs of its diverse student body. Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have a documented disability. If you should need accommodations, please let me know and contact Student Accessibility and Resources to discuss a range of options. They are located in UC 3150 and can be reached at (903) 566-7079 or [saroffice@uttyler.edu](mailto:saroffice@uttyler.edu). Once you have made arrangements with SAR, they will contact your professors and we can work with you from there.

**Student Standards of Academic Integrity:**

As adults and college students I expect the work you turn in to be your work and your work alone. I do not tolerate plagiarism, cheating, or collusion (see definitions below) and if you do any of these you will receive a 0 on that assignment with no option of resubmitting. You may also receive a 0 in the class depending on the egregiousness of the scholastic dishonesty and be reported to Judicial Affairs. Dr. Link reserves the right to adjudicate punishment for each individual case.

Conduct Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

i. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student's test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;

- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
  - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
  - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
  - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
  - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
  - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
  - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- ii. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

**Campus Safety:**

- UT Tyler is committed to your safety and has set up the RAVE Patriot Guardian, an app that allows you to quickly contact the police. <https://www.uttyler.edu/police/safety-app.php>
- Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here:

- **UT Tyler Campus Police non-emergency** 903.566.7300
  - UT Tyler has a Safe Walk program. You can call the dispatch number 24 hours for an escort between campus buildings and to parking lots.
- **UT Tyler’s Counseling Clinic** 903.565.5746
  - **24/7 Crisis Line** 903.566.7254
  - **Walk in counseling center:** UC Room 3170
- **Title IX Office** 903.565.5760

\*The following class schedule is a rough guide and is subject to change.

### **Class Schedule:**

#### **Week 1 August 25 & 27 A New Century**

**Readings:** None

#### **Week 2 September 1 & 3 The Great War**

**Readings:** None

#### **Week 3 September 8 & 10 The Great War**

**Readings:** Begin reading Isherwood’s *Berlin Stories*

#### **Week 4 September 15 & 17 The Interwar Years**

**Readings:** Continue reading Isherwood’s *Berlin Stories*

#### **Week 5 September 22 & 24 The Interwar Years**

**Readings:** Continue reading Isherwood’s *Berlin Stories*

#### **Week 6 September 29 & October 1 Toward the Second World War**

**Readings:** Continue reading Isherwood’s *Berlin Stories*

#### **Week 7 October 6 & 8 The Second World War**

**Readings:** None

- **Essay on Isherwood due October 17 by 11:59 pm to Canvas**

#### **Week 8 October 13 & 15 The Second World War**

**Readings:** Begin reading Drakulic’s *How We Survived Communism*

**Week 9 October 20 & 22 Ending the 1940s: Postwar Negotiations**

**Readings:** Continue reading Drakulic's *How We Survived Communism*

**Week 10 October 27 & 29 Europe in the 1950's**

**Readings:** Continue reading Drakulic's *How We Survived Communism*

**Week 11 November 3 & 5 The Tumultuous 1960's**

**Readings:** Continue reading Drakulic's *How We Survived Communism*

- **Essay on Drakulic due November 6 by 11:59 pm on Canvas**

**Week 12 November 10 & 12 The 1970's & 1980's**

**Readings:** Continue reading Keefe's *Say Nothing*

**Week 13 November 17 & 19 Into the late 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**Readings:** Continue reading Keefe's *Say Nothing*

**\*\*Thanksgiving Break November 23-27\*\***

**Week 14 December 1 & 3 The End of Communism and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

**Readings:** Keefe's *Say Nothing*

- **Essay on Keefe due November 30 at 11:59 pm on Canvas**

**Finals Week: Final exam due (Canvas upload)**

The finals week schedule will be posted by the University during the term. I have no control over the assigned time for the final. Our final will be a take home submission rather than an in-class exam.

**University Policies**

**Student Absence due to Religious Reason:**

Observance Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester. (Revised 05/17)

**Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:**



If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor *at least two weeks prior* to the date of the planned absence. At that time, the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### **UT Tyler Honor Code:**

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do. Students Rights and Responsibilities To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

### **Campus Carry:**

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

### **UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University:**

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free)

### **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is Sept. 12.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average.

Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date (Sept. 12th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid State-Mandated Course

### **Drop Policy:**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions. Disability/Accessibility Services In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

### **UT Tyler Resources for Students:**

· UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu · UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu

· The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.

· UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation:**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.