

HIST 5359 Twentieth Century Europe

Fall 2020

Thursdays 6-8:45 pm

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Course Description:

The twentieth century in Europe was one of the most complex and violent to date. This century hosted two of the most destructive wars in world history, much of which took place on the European continent. During the interim between these two wars, fascism rose swiftly in popularity. This course will examine the rise of fascism as a political ideology after World War I, its role in the outbreak of World War II, and how ordinary people came to follow in these fascist movements. We will start with an overview of the war in Europe to provide context, then move to an examination of fascism as a political ideology, followed by an exploration of the participation of Germans in the Nazi movement. Because the historiography of World War II is vast, the final weeks will be ones where you will choose your book. Each student will choose their own books on European fascism (or fascist nations) before and/or during World War II. Further instructions are below.

Course Objectives:

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

- analyze significant issues, trends and developments in the study of the rise of fascism in early 20th century fascism, and its role in WWII, specifically Germany
- analyze significant shifts in the historiography of 20th century European history
- make a clearly written and clearly presented argument, including a thesis and sufficient and well-used supporting detail
- to demonstrate a heightened ability to synthesize and analyze class material, readings, and external research

Graduate Course Etiquette

Graduate courses are intended to challenge you. The expectations are much higher than in undergraduate courses. You are expected to master the material each week and participate in our weekly class sessions.

There is an etiquette to participating in graduate courses. When participating in discussions, you want to make sure you are demonstrating your knowledge and understanding of the material through speaking during class, while at the same time not monologuing.

In attaining a master's degree in history, you are joining a small percentage of Americans and in joining this elite group, you are training in your professional capacity. Regardless of what employment you attain with your MA, you need to comport yourself with collegiality and professionalism. In our classroom you will practice this through respectful behavior to your classmates and myself. Historians often disagree (it's part and parcel of the field) BUT when you do so it must be polite and respectful. Students who do not behave thusly will be sent out of the Zoom classroom and will not be allowed to return to the next class until they have met (virtually) with myself. Behaviors to avoid include but are not limited to cursing at a fellow student or myself, using derogatory language, yelling, etc.

Required Readings:

You will read a book/week. Please do not feel obligated to purchase every book. You're welcome to check them out from the library or ebook editions. That being said, it is your responsibility to secure a copy far enough in advance to have the reading done prior to class. Failure to secure a copy is **no excuse** for not doing the reading. The books are below, and the order can be found on the class schedule:

Williamson Murray and Allan R Millet, *A War to be Won: Fighting the Second World War* (2000/2001)

Excerpts from Stanley G. Payne, *A History of Fascism, 1914-1945* (posted on Canvas)

Richard J. Evans, *The Coming of the Third Reich* (2004)

Peter Fritzsche's *Life and Death in the Third Reich*

Omer Bartov, *Hitler's Army*

Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland* (1992/1993)

Ian Kershaw, *Hitler, The Germans, and the Final Solution* (2008/2009)

Excerpts from Wendy Lower's *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields* (posted on Canvas)

John Keegan, *The Battle for History: Re-Fighting World War II* (1996)

Requirements and Grades:

Participation	100 points
Book Presentations (3 x 25 points each)	75 points
Book reviews (12 x 10 points each)	120 points
Historiography essay	150 points
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Total:	445 points

Explanation of Assignments:

Participation 100 points: Graduate courses are discussion based by design and thus are only as successful as the preparation and dialogue that you put in. Your participation grade will depend on your attendance as well as your input. **Two unexcused absences will result in a failing grade.** To help you prepare for our discussion you will turn in a book review (instructions below) prior to our class meeting time. Being prepared and discussing each week's books are how you earn these points. Additionally, during weeks 10-12 you will each present on one of the extra books you have chosen.

- You will need to discuss your book's thesis statement, analysis, sources, strengths and weaknesses.

Graduate courses are rigorous by nature and while it is tempting to only read book reviews of the assigned readings, that is insufficient. Reading book reviews can be helpful, but I recommend reading them *after* you have read the week's book. You need to read the books/articles yourself to ascertain *your* understanding of the book rather than seeing it only through the lens of someone else.

The heart of academia is healthy debate and I fully expect a variety of perspectives on the topics we will cover. That being said, I expect each of you to conduct yourselves as professionals. Disruptive, disrespectful behavior, excessive profanity, or personal insults towards other students or myself will result in 1) a verbal warning 2) expulsion from an individual class meeting 3) being dropped from the class.

Book Reviews 100 points: Writing is at the center of the historian's craft and to help improve this skill you will write book reviews. Historians write book reviews constantly and practicing this skill will better prepare you for the job market. While journals will vary a bit on the length of book reviews, for our purposes they should be no more than 1000 words. This word limit is

strictly enforced to help you practice concise writing. Book reviews must address the author's argument, where their work fits within the historiography, strengths, and weaknesses. Examples will be provided to give you guidance.

These book reviews not only help prepare you for the work of being a historian but will also prepare you for our weekly discussions. For weeks 10-12 your book reviews will be on your individual book choices (see below for further explanation). **They are due Thursday by noon to Canvas.**

Book Presentations 75 points: During weeks 10-12 you will choose your own books that allow you to explore different aspects of our class theme: fascism in Europe before and during the Second World War. You may look at different aspects of fascism in Germany or look to Italy or Spanish cases. You may also examine fascism in other European nations during this period. You may look at cultural, racial, gendered perspectives of fascism. These books **MUST** be academic (from a PhD in history and published with an academic press). These books must be approved by Dr. Link by **October 1 by 5pm.**

For these weeks you will write your usual book review. What will make these weeks different, is that you will present your book to the class. This is not a formal presentation per se. But you will need to present your book to the class to cover things like: thesis, sources, methodology, major analytical points, and strengths/weaknesses. Your classmates will not have read this book, so you want them to have a complete understanding of it from your presentation. These presentations should be 10-15 minutes.

When your classmates are presenting, I expect you to pay attention and ask questions when they are done.

Historiographical essay 200 points: Over the course of the semester you have read many books on European fascism before and during the Second World War. To effectively demonstrate the knowledge you have gained you will write an 8-10-page historiographical essay on the topic. To effectively discuss the trajectory of this historiography you will need to use *at least 7* of the readings from class and well as find and read an additional 5.

For these additional five works they can be either theoretical works or case studies, but they must all pertain to European fascism (or fascist nations) before and/or during World War II. They must be academic works (written by a PhD in history and published by an academic press). This is a great opportunity not only to work on essay writing and analyzing historiography, but also to hone your abilities to assess how an academic work fits into the historiography you've learned. **These extra 5 books MUST be approved by Dr. Link by October 1 by 5 pm.**

This essay will be due during finals week and uploaded to Canvas.

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

Course Structure & Etiquette:

1. Our course will be held virtually, through Zoom. The Zoom link will be listed on Canvas. Attendance is mandatory. You will need to have your camera and microphone on.
 - a. If pets or family make their way in, that is absolutely fine. You can always mute your microphone if there are loud noises on your end.
2. 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.
3. The classroom is a place 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. Students who do not adhere to this will be asked to leave the class and will receive 0 points in the course (to be determined at Dr. Link's discretion).
 - a. Be human: Remain patient, ask/wait for clarification, avoid assumptions and rushed judgement. Forgive mistakes and apologize for errors.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Be a responsible citizen: Graduate classes are, in part, about professionalization as a historian. This means conducting yourself in a professional manner in your in class conduct as well as in your interactions with classmates and professors.
4. Late assignments not accepted.
5. **No** emailed assignments accepted. Assignments **must** be submitted in hard copy or on Canvas as directed on the assignment.
6. **Use technology responsibly and considerately**. It is tempting to surf the internet, check your phone, etc. while in a Zoom classroom but please refrain. We will have breaks where you can check your texts, get a snack, etc. When in class be present.
7. When you email me, I will respond 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.
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. 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 Aug. 27:

Introduction to the course and our 20th Century European focus

Week 2 Sept. 3:

Williamson Murray and Allan R Millet, *A War to be Won: Fighting the Second World War*

Week 3 Sept 10:

Excerpts from Stanley G. Payne, *A History of Fascism, 1914-1945* (posted on Canvas)

Week 4 Sept 17:

Richard J. Evans, *The Coming of the Third Reich* (2004)

Week 5 Sept 24:

Peter Fritzsche's *Life and Death in the Third Reich*

Week 6 Oct 1:

Omer Bartov, *Hitler's Army*

Week 7 Oct 8:

Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland* (1992/1993)

Week 8 Oct 15:

Ian Kershaw, *Hitler, The Germans, and the Final Solution* (2008/2009)

Week 9 Oct 22:

Excerpts from Wendy Lower's *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields* (posted on Canvas)

Week 10 Oct 29:

Individually chosen books

Week 11 Nov 5:

Individually chosen books

Week 12 Nov 12:

Individually chosen books

Week 13 Nov 19:

John Keegan, *The Battle for History: Re-Fighting World War II* (1996)

Thanksgiving Break November 23-27

Week 14 Dec 3:

Course wrap up

Finals Week December 9-13

Final historiographical essay due via Canvas during Finals Week.

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

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.