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Course title:	The Making of Europe: The Long 20 th Century
Track:	D-Track
Language of instruction:	English
Contact hours:	48 (6 per day)
ECTS-Credits:	4

Course description

This course provides an overview of the political, socio-economic, and cultural developments that shaped Europe in the long 20th century. Many deeply impacting developments occurred over the course of the 20th century: Two World Wars were fought, the birth of the European Union and the fall of Communism, just to name a few. Being such a crucial city in Europe's history in the 20th century, Berlin is the most logical location for this course. Special emphasis will also be given to Germany's role in the middle of the continent and to the historical origins of the European Union and its present state. The city of Berlin, with all its tangible historical remains, will be dealt with as a city of former crisis with great promises for a better future.

Towards the end of this survey course on twentieth century Europe, we will try to identify the democratic values that have shaped the rebirth of Europe and discuss the challenges with which present-day Europe is faced. We will end the course with a reflection on Europe's place in the global, multi-polar world of the 21st century.

Several excursions will be organised in which you will visit some key historic sites in the city.

The course requires a minimum language proficiency of B2 in English.

Student profile

The course is open to undergraduate students from different fields of study with an interest in culture, society and politics.

Prerequisites

The course requires a minimum language proficiency of B2 in English. A general background in the social sciences may help, but no specific expertise is required.

Course requirements

Students must attend classes, actively engage in class discussions, and regularly contribute ideas to the class to successfully complete this course.

Grading

Active participation: 30%

Midcourse exam: 30%

Final exam: 40%

Reading

The reading material for the course will be provided.

Course schedule

Date	Program*
Monday, July 30, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: Looking back at the 19th Century</p> <p>Session I: Introduction The Congress of Vienna and the European state system until World War I The rise of modern ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, and Nationalism</p> <p>Session II: Nations and Economies: The Industrial Revolution and its legacy</p> <p>Session III: Europe and the World: Imperialism and Colonialism</p>
Tuesday, July 31, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: World War I and the Treaty of Versailles</p> <p>Session I World War I: Origins, causes and conduct</p> <p>Session II: World War I: Aftermath and memory</p> <p>Session III: Field Trip to the German Historical Museum</p>
Thursday, August 2, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: The Totalitarian Experience: Assault on Liberal Democracy</p> <p>Session I: The Interwar Years and the rise of Fascism</p> <p>Session II: The Soviet Revolution and the rise of Stalinism</p> <p>Session III: National Socialism and World War II</p>
Friday, August 3, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: World War II and the Holocaust</p> <p>Session I to III: Field Trip to the Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum</p>
Monday, August 6, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: The Rebirth of Postwar Europe</p> <p>Session I: Midcourse Test</p> <p>Session II:</p>

	<p>Postwar Recovery: Western European Welfare States vs. Centrally Planned Economies in the East, Europe and the Cold War</p> <p>Session III: The uniting of Europe: The project of European Integration</p>
Tuesday, August 7, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: The Fall of the Berlin Wall and the New European Order</p> <p>Session I: The Fall of the Berlin Wall and the process of German unification</p> <p>Session II: The re-uniting of Europe</p> <p>Session III: Field Trip to the Wall Memorial in Bernauer Straße</p>
Thursday, August 9, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: Europe into the 21st Century</p> <p>Session I: Migration, Minorities, and Religious Varieties in Europe Refugees and the European Union</p> <p>Session II: The EU in crisis: Regional conflicts vs. Cohesion, Integration vs. National States</p> <p>Session III: Global Challenges for Europe and "Out of Area conflicts" (for example Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, etc.)</p>
Friday, August 10, 2018	<p>Topic of the Day: Germany and Europe on the world stage</p> <p>Session I: Final Exam</p> <p>Session II: Germany on the World Stage</p> <p>Session III: Europe on the World Stage</p>

*Field trips may be subject to change depending on the availability of appointments and speakers. On field trip days, adaptation of class times is possible.