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| Course Title             | : HISTORY OF MODERN GERMANY   |
| Course Code              | : HST363  |
| No. of Credits/Term      | : 3   |
| Mode of Tuition          | : Sectional approach  |
| Class Contact Hours      | : 3 hours per week  |
| Category in Major Prog.  | : Elective  |
| Prerequisite(s)          | : None  |
| Co-requisite(s)          | : None  |
| Exclusion(s);            | : None  |
| Exemption Requirement(s) | : None  |
| Brief Course Description | : This course will survey the course of German history since unification. In particular, it will discuss unification, industrialization, the two World Wars, the Cold War, re-unification, and Germany's role in the European Union. It will discuss political, social, and cultural developments, including the experience of totalitarianism and the emergence of democracy; the post-1945 critical engagement with the Holocaust; and the development of consumer society. |
| Aims                     | : To assist students to understand the course of modern German history, both as a means of understanding contemporary Germany in its historical context and as a means of understanding selected aspects of modernity in a focused national context.  |
| Learning Outcomes        | : After finishing the course, students will be able: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to understand the main contours of modern German history</li> <li>2) to place modern German history within European and global contexts</li> <li>3) to have a deeper understanding of such themes as nationalism, industrialization, cross-cultural exchange, total war, totalitarianism, and democratic politics, seen within a focused national context</li> </ol>           |
| Indicative Content       | : I. Background to unification (1648-1848) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Impact of the 30 Years War</li> <li>B. The Holy Roman Empire</li> <li>C. Diplomacy in the 18<sup>th</sup> century</li> </ol>   |

- D. The rise of Prussia
  - E. The German Enlightenment and Romanticism
  - F. The Napoleonic influence
- II. The rise of a unified Germany (1848-1870)
- A. Nationalism
  - B. The 1848 Revolution
  - C. “Big Germany vs. Little Germany”
  - D. Bismarck’s Wars of Unification
- III. The Kaiserreich (1870-1918)
- A. Building a unified polity: Kulturkampf and repression of socialists
  - B. The structure of politics
  - C. The Iron and Rye alliance
  - D. Industrialization and the rise of the SPD
  - E. Culture and Society
  - F. The *Sonderweg* thesis
  - G. Diplomacy and the origins of the Great War
- IV. Weimar Germany (1918-1933)
- A. The structure of politics
  - B. The German War-Guilt thesis and international relations in the 1920s
  - C. Culture and Society
  - D. Hyperinflation and the question of reparations
  - E. The Great Depression
  - F. The collapse of German democracy
- V. Nazi Germany (1933-1945)
- A. The Nazi seizure of power
  - B. Nazi ideology and culture
  - C. Nazi methods of rule: the intentionalist vs. functionalist debate
  - D. *Gleichschaltung* and totalitarianism
  - E. Everyday life under the Nazis
  - F. The Nazi war economy
  - G. World War II and the Holocaust
- VI. A Divided Germany (1945-1989)
- A. The making of the Cold War
  - B. Politics, culture, and society in the GDR
  - C. Politics, culture, and society in the FRG
  - D. The West German Economic Miracle
  - E. Willy Brandt and *Ostpolitik*
  - F. The road to German reunification
- VII. The Rise of German “Normalcy” (1945-present)
- A. The German model of industrial capitalism
  - B. The Historians’ Debate and the politics of

remembering the Holocaust  
C. Germany in the European Union

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| Teaching Method                  | : This course will employ a combination of lectures and seminar discussions.  |
| Measurement of Learning Outcomes | : 1) Written essays analyzing primary and secondary sources.<br>2) In-class discussions focused on assigned readings.<br>3) Examination covering the major themes covered in the readings and lectures. |
| Assessment                       | : Continuous Assessment 65%<br>Examination 35%  |

Required/ Essential Readings:

Carr, William and Mark Allinson, *A History of Germany, 1815-2002*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (London: Hodder Arnold, 2006).

Recommended/ Supplementary Readings:

Berghahn, V.R., *Modern Germany: Society, Economy and Politics in the Twentieth Century*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987).

Blackbourn, David, *History of Germany, 1780-1918: The Long Nineteenth Century*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (London: Wiley, 2008).

Blackbourn, David and Geoff Eley, *The Peculiarities of German History: Bourgeois Politics and Society in Nineteenth-Century Germany* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1984).

Blanning, T.C.W., *The French Revolution in Germany* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1983).

Browning, Christopher, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*, New ed. (London: Penguin, 2001).

Browning, Christopher, *The Origins of the Final Solution: The Evolution of Nazi Jewish Policy, September 1939-March 1942* (Winnipeg: Bison Books, 2007).

Burleigh, Michael, *The Racial State: Germany 1933-1945* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993).

Chickering, Roger, *Imperial Germany and the Great War, 1914-1918*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004)

Craig, Gordon A., *Germany, 1866-1945* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1978).

Fritzsche, Peter, *Germans into Nazis* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999).

Fulbrook, Mary, *A Concise History of Germany* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990)

Fulbrook, Mary, *Germany 1918-2000: The Divided Nation* (London: Wiley, 2002)

Fulbrook, Mary, *The People's State: East German Society from Hitler to Honecker* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2006).

Gay, Peter, *Weimar Culture: The Outsider as Insider* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001).

Goldhagen, Daniel Jonah, *Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust* (New York: Vintage, 1997).

Haffner, Sebastian, *The Rise and Fall of Prussia* (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1980).

Hamerow, Theodore S., *Restoration, Revolution, Reaction* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1966).

Hamerow, Theodore S., *The Social Foundations of German Unification, 1858-71* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969).

Heneghan, Tom, *Unchained Eagle: Germany after the Wall* (London: Pearson Education, 2000).

Kershaw, Ian, *The Nazi Dictatorship* (London: Edward Arnold, 1985).

Kershaw, Ian, *Popular Opinion and Political Dissent in the Third Reich* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983).

- Koonz, Claudia, *The Nazi Conscience* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2005).
- Maier, Charles S., *The Unmasterable Past: History, Holocaust, and German National Identity* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1988).
- Maier, Charles S., *Dissolution: The Crisis of Communism and the End of East Germany* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).
- Peukert, Detlev, *Inside Nazi Germany: Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1987).
- Peukert, Detlev, *The Weimar Republic* (London: Hill and Wang, 1993).
- Patton, David, *Cold War Politics in Postwar Germany* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 1999).
- Schissler, Hannah, *The Miracle Years: A Cultural History of West Germany, 1949-1968* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001).
- Sheehan, James, *German Liberalism in the Nineteenth Century* (London: Methuen, 1982).
- Smith, Helmut Walser, *The Butcher's Tale: Murder and Anti-Semitism in a German Town* (New York: Norton, 2002).
- Smith, Helmut Walser, *German Nationalism and Religious Conflict: Culture, Ideology, Politics, 1870-1914* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995).
- Stephenson, Jill, *Women in Nazi Germany* (London: Longman, 2001).
- Stern, Fritz, *Einstein's German World* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).
- Stern, Fritz, *The Politics of Cultural Dispair: A Study in the Rise of Germanic Ideology* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1974).
- Turner, Henry A., *German Big Business and the Rise of Hitler* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1985).
- Turner, Henry A., *Hitler's Thirty Days to Power, January 1933* (Reading, MA: Addison Wesley, 1996).
- Wehler, Hans-Ulrich, *The German Empire, 1871-1918*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (London: Berg, 1997).