

Nazi Germany and the Holocaust

Spring 2018 Tues/Thurs 3:30-4:45 in Evans Hall 203

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Course description

HIS 450 Seminar in History. In-depth examination of selected topics and themes in history. May be repeated for credit as long as topic changes. PR: JS, SS or CI.

Grading and grading scale

Midterm examination	20%	
Final examination	25%	
2 in-class presentations of common readings (5% each)	10%	
2 reading summaries (5% each)	10%	
Attendance and participation	35%	= 100% total

97-100 = A+	87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	67-69 = D+	59 and below = F
93-96 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C	63-66 = D	
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	60-62 = D-	

A range = superior work, i.e. exceptional university-level work

B range = above average work, i.e. very good university-level work

C range = average work, that is to say customary university-level work

D range = passing, yet unsatisfactory or below average work

F = failing work, that is to say insufficient, incomplete, or inferior work

Required reading

- O. Bartov, *The Holocaust: Origins, Implementation, Aftermath* SECOND EDITION
- C. Epstein, *Nazi Germany: Confronting the Myths*
- J. Gross, *Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland*
- C. Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*
- G. Rosenberg, *A Brief Stop on the Road from Auschwitz*
- Several other readings indicated on the course calendar below.

Other important things to know

- Late assignments will not be accepted.
- Cheating or plagiarism will result in severe penalties. All students must abide by the Viking Code.
- Whether you come to class is up to you.
- Electronic devices are not allowed to be used in the classroom.
- The instructor reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the syllabus as necessary.

Course calendar. *Unless otherwise noted, each week's readings should be completed by Thursday.*

9 Jan	Introduction to the course and its subjects
11 Jan	Why the "Third" Reich?
Reading(s):	Epstein, ch. 1

(course calendar, continued)

16 Jan	World War I
18 Jan	Discussion of readings: The experience of war and defeat
Reading(s):	Epstein, ch. 1 (review); <i>Storm of Steel</i> (excerpt); <i>The Road Back</i> (excerpt)
23 Jan	Weimar Germany
25 Jan	Discussion of readings
Reading(s):	Epstein, ch. 2; Ferguson, "How (not) to pay"; Peter Gay, "Weimar Culture"
30 Jan	The National Socialists come to power
1 Feb	Discussion: The Nazi Seizure of Power
Reading(s):	Epstein, ch. 3; David Clay Large, "Down with the Robbers!"
6 Feb	The Nazi State 1933-1939
8 Feb	Discussion of readings: The Nazi regime, and life in Nazi Germany
Reading(s):	Kershaw, "Hitler, master or weak?"; Herbert, "Good Times"; Burrin, "Judeophobia"
13 Feb	European antisemitism, racism, eugenics
15 Feb	Antisemitism, racism, eugenics, continued
Reading(s):	Epstein ch. 4; Hilberg, "Precedents"; Friedlander, "Step by Step"
20 Feb	Discussion of Epstein ch. 4, Hilberg & Friedlander
22 Feb	Concentration camps and euthanasia program, plus discussion of Shalamov & Pohl
Reading(s):	Epstein ch. 5; Shalamov (two stories); D. Pohl, "The Holocaust"; <i>Ordinary Men</i> , begin
27 Feb	World War II, 1939-1941
1 Mar	Film viewing & discussion *Midterm examination due in class*
Reading(s):	Epstein ch. 6; <i>Ordinary Men</i> , continue
6 Mar	1941-43: The war in the East
8 Mar	Discussion: <i>Ordinary Men</i>
Reading(s):	Epstein ch. 7; <i>Ordinary Men</i> , finish
12-16 Mar	no class, Spring Break
20 Mar	war, occupation, collaboration, resistance
22 Mar	Discussion of readings
Reading(s):	Epstein chapter 8; <i>Neighbors</i> , begin; G. Horwitz "Give Me"; Korczak, "Ghetto Diary"
27 Mar	Perpetrators, bystanders, survivors
29 Mar	Discussion: <i>Neighbors</i>
Reading(s):	finish <i>Neighbors</i>
3 Apr	The death camps
5 Apr	Discussion of readings
Reading(s):	Greif, "Between Sanity"; Levi, "Gray Zone"; Rajzman, "Treblinka"; and begin <i>A Brief Stop</i>
10 Apr	no class, Student Symposium
12 Apr	Total war and defeat
Reading(s):	Rosenberg, <i>A Brief Stop</i> , continue
17 Apr	Trials
19 Apr	Discussion: Legacies and Memories
Reading(s):	<i>A Brief Stop</i> , finish; Judt, "From the House of the Dead"
24 Apr	History and Memory
Reading(s):	Epstein, epilogue
30 Apr	Final exam session *Final examination due, in class, at 11 a.m.*