Syllabus for History 4454/01 – MTWTH – 2:00 to 4:45 PM – SO 1022
Twentieth Century Europe – CRN 50788 
Summer, 2009 
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Office Hours: MTWTH, 2:00 to 4:30 PM 
Text: DiScala, Spencer M. Twentieth Century Europe, required.

Course Objective
Successful completion of this course should provide the student with a basic understanding of the political movements, wars, and social and cultural changes that were part of European history in the 20th century. The class is based on lecture and discussion.

Withdrawals and Incompletes
The last day to withdraw from this course without penalty is June 11. However, in order to withdraw officially and receive the grade of (W), you must go to the Registrar’s office and fill out the necessary form. If you merely stop attending the class without notifying the Registrar, you will automatically receive an F. Only in extreme hardship cases will a student be permitted to receive a grade of W after the drop date (June 12), and only with the approval of the Registrar.

The grade of Incomplete (I) will only be given to students who have completed at least 75% of the work for the course with a grade of C or better. If for some serious non-academic reason a student is unable to complete the class end of session one, an incomplete may be assigned. An incomplete may also be assigned if a student misses the final exam and is otherwise in good standing.

Student Behavior
All students are expected to follow the student code of conduct as stated in the Kennesaw State University Handbook; this applies to student behavior in class particularly in regard to cheating and plagiarism.

Attendance and Participation
Students are expected to attend scheduled classes. History 4454 moves very quickly in the summer sessions. Keeping up with your reading and attending all classes is crucial to your success in this class. Excessive absence will influence your grade. This includes leaving early without an extremely good reason. If a student has a valid reason for missing class, he or she must notify the professor before the absence occurs if possible. Also, no cell phone use in class!

Assignments Grade Weights and Tests
Students must follow the reading assignments included with this syllabus. There will be 4 tests based on the reading, every Thursday except for week 1. The last test will be the final. The tests will not be cumulative, except for the essay part of Exam 4. These tests will provide 100% of the student’s grade. There are no written assignments. Each test is worth 25% of your grade.

Grade schedule as follows: 100-90, A, 89-80, B, 79-70, C, 69-60, D, 59 and under F

Class Calendar – First day of class May 28, Thursday 
Last day to drop June 11, Thursday
Last day of class June 24, Wednesday
Final exam June 25, Tuesday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Reading Assignments by Section and Topic
Note: a study sheet will be provided for each section.

All assignments are from Twentieth Century Europe

May 28
Part One - The European Age, from 1900 to 1914.
This section covers the era when Europe dominated the world and ends at WW I.

Week 1 – June 1,2,3,4, – Exam 1 – June 4
Part One continued.

Week 2
Part Two – June 8,9,10,11 – Exam 2 – June 11
End of Hegemony
This section covers WWI and the turmoil and revolutions that occurred as a result.

Week 3
Part Three – June 15,16,17,18 – Exam 3 – June 19
The Age of Dictators
This section covers the rise of Hitler and Stalin and WWII

Week 4 – June 22, 23, 24 - Final Exam – June 25
Part Four – Dual Europe
This section covers the post-war period, rebuilding, the cold war and the rise of the EU.

General Instructions for reading your text.
You are responsible for all the chapters within each section. Your text has lots of white space on the page as well as pictures, maps and graphs. You are expected to look carefully at these and determine how they relate to the text. In addition, the text has some boxed biographical sketches. You need to read these and be aware of why these people might be important in the grand scheme of things. For your further interest, each section has a series of bibliographical essays which will provide you with suggestions for further readings in these areas however you will not be tested on them.
Concentrate on the important concepts, events and individuals in each section and know who and what they are. If you don’t know the meaning of a word or term, look it up! The first three tests will be objective, mainly some form of short answer while the final exam will at least one essay questions as well.
*Study Guides are posted for each exam.