EUH 5905--Readings in Modern German History
THE NAZI STATE: ORIGINS, IMPACT, LEGACY
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Content
This course is designed to acquaint students with major issues and historiography of the Nazi Era. The origins of the Nazi state will be examined, along with Hitler’s background, personality and rise to power. Students will also focus study the structure of the Nazi state, the Holocaust, the impact of Nazism on German society, and its legacy.

Students are required to have readings completed prior to each class meeting. Regular attendance is crucial. If illness of other emergencies prevent your attendance, please notify the instructor in advance, or points will be deducted from your final grade.

Grading
Class participation --40%-- Students will be assigned questions on weekly readings, and will be called upon to answer these questions during class. During the last class, students will make presentations on a reading or readings that they found most compelling during the course of the semester.

Essays –60%--2 papers, 7-10 pages in length, based on class readings. Paper topics will be announced in due course.

Readings- to be purchased at the bookstore
Students must purchase the most recent editions of Niewyk and Mitchell
Books
David Engel. The Holocaust: The Third Reich and the Jews
Frank McDonough. Hitler and the Rise of the Nazi Party
Allan Mitchell. The Nazi Revolution
Donald Niewyk. The Holocaust

Recommended
Fulbrook, Mary. A Concise History of Germany
Spielvogel, Jackson. Hitler and Nazi Germany

Articles assigned for classes can be found in the Library or can be downloaded from the website www.jstor.org

Class Schedule
22 August Introduction and Expectations
29 August  
**The Nazi Movement and German History**

**The Weimar Republic**

**Readings:** McDonough, Introduction, chapter 3 and documents 1-5; Mitchell, Part I; Fulbrook, pp. 144-78

5 September  
**Early Years of the Nazi Party**


12 September  
**Hitler's Background and the Nazi Seizure of Power**

**Readings:** McDonough, chapters 2, 4, 6 & 7 and documents 10-20; Mitchell, review Part I, articles by Fest and Besell and part III

19 September  
**Hitler’s policies and their impact**

**Readings:** Mitchell, Parts IV and V; “Nazism and Polarization: The Left and the Third Reich” by Shelley Baranowski *The Historical Journal*, Vol. 43, No. 4. (Dec., 2000), pp. 1157-1172; Engel, chapters 3-4 and documents 1-10

26 September  
**The Holocaust—Background and Origins**


3 October  
**The Holocaust Experience**

**Readings:** Niewyk, Part III and IV; Engel, chapters 5 & 6 and documents 11-16

10 October  
**The Perpetrators, the Bystanders and the Rescuers—Part I**


**FIRST ESSAY DUE**

17 October  
**The Perpetrators, the Bystanders and the Rescuers—Part II**

**Readings:** see 10 October
24 October  

*The Problem of Resistance*


31 Oct and 6 Nov  

*The Historiography of Nazi Germany*


13 November  

*The Goldhagen Controversy*

**Readings:** review Goldhagen essay in Niewyk text


“Revising the Holocaust” (review of Goldhagen)
Ruth Bettina Birn: Volker Riess

Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust
Daniel Jonah Goldhagen
Review author[s]: Henry Friedlander

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Review author[s]: Robert Gellately


20 November  

*Facing the Nazi Past*

**Readings:** Review Mitchell, Part I, McDonough, Part I, and Engel, chapter 8; “Today's View of the Third Reich and the Second World War in German Historiographical

27 November

**Conclusions and Reflections—Final Student Presentations**

**SECOND ESSAY DUE**

*The Journal of Modern History, Vol. 64, Supplement: Resistance Against the Third Reich, Dec., 1992*

**Introduction: Resistance against the Third Reich as Intercultural Knowledge**, pp. S1-S7
Michael Geyer; John W. Boyer

Normality, Exceptionalism, Resistance

*Ethical Dilemmas and Nazi Eugenics: Single-Issue Dissent in Religious Contexts*, pp. S8-S31
Claudia Koonz

"In the End I Just Said O.K.": Political and Moral Dimensions of Escape Aid at the Swiss Border, pp. S68-S81
Alfred G. Frei

Between Normality and Resistance: Catastrophic Gradualism in Nazi Germany, pp. S82-S101
Frank Trommler

Human Solidarity and the Restoration of Politics

*The German Resistance against Hitler and the Restoration of Politics*, pp. S112-S127
Hans Mommsen

Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Decision to Resist, pp. S134-S146
Raymond Mengus

Nachholender Widerstand—Resistance after 1945

"A Beacon in the German Darkness": The Anti-Nazi Resistance Legacy in West Germany Politics, pp. S173-S186
David Clay Large

From Resistance to Liberation Theology: German Theologians and the Non/Resistance to the National Socialist Regime, pp. S187-S203
Werner G. Jeanrond

Repressing, Remembering, Working Through: German Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis, and the "Missed Resistance" in the Third Reich, pp. S204-S216
Geoffrey Cocks

Michael Geyer