

WOLLO UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

Course outline

Course code	HiHm2043
Course Title	Survey of European History, 1850s-1945
ECTS	4

Course objectives:

After attending this course, students should be able to:

- Identify the causes of the major wars fought at this historical period
- Identify the major events, persons and ideas of and about the history of 19th- and early 20th-century Germany, Europe, and the West.
- Understand the military, political, diplomatic, technological, social, and cultural interactions that affect decisions in the history of 19th- and early 20th-century Germany, Europe, and the West.
- Describe 19th century developments in Europe, and their impact on the world.
- Analyze and explain the effects of the Industrial Revolution.

Course Contents

Chapter I: Revolutions and Unifications, 1815-71

- 1.1 Congress of Vienna
- 1.2 Concert of Europe
- 1.3 Liberalism, Nationalism and Revolutions
- 1.4 Second Empire under Louis Napoleon
- 1.5 *Risorgimento/Italian Unification*
- 1.6 Unification of Germany
- > Test 1 (15%)

Chapter Two: Eastern Europe, 1815-1914

- 2.1 Russia
- 2.2 Austria-Hungary
- > Test 2 (10%)

Chapter Three: Ottoman Empire and Balkans

- 3.1 Slow Decline of Ottomans
- 3.2 Balkans
- > Quiz (10%)

Chapter Four: The New Imperialism

4.1 The Partition of Africa

4.2 Asian imperialism

Chapter Five: Alliances and Crises, 1871-1914

Chapter Six: World War I

- 6.1 Cause of the War
- 6.2 Western Front
- 6.3 Eastern Front
- 6.4 End of the War
- 6.5 Treaty of Versailles

Chapter Seven: Fascism and Nazism

- 7.1 Interwar Economy (1918-1945) ———▶ Assignment for Group-1
- 7.2 Italian Fascism and Mussolini ———▶ Assignment for Group-2
- 7.3 Nazi Germany and Hitler ———▶ Assignment for Group-3

Chapter Eight: The USSR, 1917-1941

- 8.1. Russian Revolution
- 8.2. Civil War
- 8.3 Rise of Stalin
- 8.4 Society and Culture

Chapter Nine: World War II

- 9.1 Cause of the War
- 9.2 Axis Offensives, 1939-41
- 9.3. Allied Offensives, 1942-45
- 9.4 End of the War

Teaching and learning methods

Gapped lecture
Group Discussion
Daily reflections
Presentation

Mode of Assessment

Quiz and Tests (35%)
Assignment (15%)
Presentation (10%)
Final examination (40%)

References

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