

HIST 1402F, Fall 2026 Nineteenth-Century Europe

Univ. Community Centre 56 Mondays 11:30-1:30

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The “long nineteenth century”—the era from the French Revolution to World War I—was a time of remarkable change and upheaval in Europe. This class explores events and people that transformed the region and the world. Topics will include: the French Revolution and Napoleon; the explosive growth of cities, industrial economies and scientific innovation; nationalist movements and imperial ventures: technology and the emergence of mass politics; and the events that led to World War I.

COURSE SYLLABUS

Students will build the following competencies and skills:

1. Identify and understand key events and themes in modern European history.
2. Evaluate forms of historical evidence and develop facility with diverse scholarly materials.
3. Develop skills in knowledge acquisition and its written and oral performance.
4. Engage with instructors and peers in a collaborative, respectful and stimulating environment.

METHODS OF EVALUATION

This class encourages steady work to build lasting skills. Students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials throughout the term and to prepare for discussions and other activities.

(15%) Tutorial attendance and participation

 This mark consists of: attendance (10%) and general participation (5%)

(10%) Two short quizzes on September 28 and October 5

(15%) An in-class midterm on October 26

(15%) An in-class writing assignment on November 16

(15%) A 5-minute presentation in tutorial based on student research (weeks of November 23 and November 30)

(30%) A final exam in the scheduled exam period

Make-up tests, midterms, and exams can only be approved by Academic Counselling. Please see:

https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_module_information/policies.html for department procedures and requirements involving make-up tests and exams.

ABSENCES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

- Tutorial discussions are as important as lectures and attendance will be taken. **Attendance is flexible but there will be no academic considerations.** Students may miss 1 tutorial without penalty. Thereafter, 5 points will be deducted from the final course grade for the second and third absences and the full participation grade (15 points) will be deducted for the fourth absence.
- The midterm exam is a designated assessment. Any consideration request must include formal documentation.
- If one of the two short exercises is missed (with a consideration), the mark for the other exercise will count twice. If no consideration is approved the mark will be 0.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Text:

- Michael Rapport, *Nineteenth-Century Europe*. Available through the campus bookstore. Paperback (strongly recommended): \$70.35. Ebook rental: \$41.00. **Paperback is much easier to use and worth the extra cost.**

You have a choice of ONE of the two following books. You must purchase the paperback version for class activities.

- Leo Tolstoy, *The Death of Ivan Ilych and Other Stories*. Paperback: \$16.60.
OR:
- Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*. Paperback: \$22.00
- Other materials will be made available through Brightspace or Weldon Library.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

- The best way to reach me outside of class is by e-mail: mhammo42@uwo.ca . You are welcome to drop by my office during the office hour, or we can schedule appointments at other times (either in person or Zoom).
- Please limit your class use of devices to note taking and class-related activity. That goes especially for your phone. Please respect everyone and put it away.
- Writing assignments performed in class will not use AI and related tools. Students are responsible for the ideas, compositional quality and accuracy of everything they submit.

Please review the Department of History's shared policies and statements for all undergraduate courses at:

https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_module_information/policies.html for important information regarding accessibility options, make-up exams, medical accommodations, health and wellness, academic integrity, plagiarism, and more.