**Course Description**

This course is designed to familiarize students with the history of modern Germany, from the late 18th century to the present. We will also learn about the field itself: its sources, archives, journals, institutions, conferences, textbooks, and current research.

The focus of the course is on the close reading and in-depth discussion of carefully selected monographs and essays, not on bibliographical or historiographical work, although the latter will not be neglected.

**Requirements**

1. Regular, active **participation** in seminar discussion.
2. Each week all students will be responsible for:
   a. Carefully **reading one of the core texts**, including:
      finding and reading **two reviews** of that work, and
   b. **e-mailing a brief discussion** of that work by Monday noon.
   c. Looking through **1-2 supplementary works**, and bringing a short report about them to class.
   d. Looking through several issues of a **pertinent journal**, and
      **e-mailing some comments** about articles in it by Wednesday, 2pm, as well as
      being able to **present a profile** of the journal to the seminar.
   e. Submitting a **2-3 page summary and assessment** of their core reading:
      a summary of questions and findings;
      a discussion of sources;
      the situation in historiography;
      a critical evaluation.

3. Each week one student will be responsible for compiling a list of questions and issues, based on the core and supplementary texts, and on the Monday e-mail that will serve as the basis for class discussion.

**Books Recommended for Purchase**


**Topics and Core Readings**

1. **Introduction: The Field of German History**
   Archival guides: Welsch & Danyel (CES, 1994); Schumacher (GHI, 2001)
   Organizations and conferences: GSA, CES, AHA (newsletters, announcements)
   Internet resources (hmlinks.htm): libraries, bookstores, reading lists, syllabi, newspapers, depts.
   Journals (see list at end of syllabus)
   Research and funding: Mauch and Zischke (GHI, 1999)

2. **Enlightenment, Reform, and Reaction (1770-1815)**
   Core: James Sheehan, *German History, 1770-1866* (1989), chaps. I-VI
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Journals: HZ, CEH

3. *Vormärz* to Unification

Core 1a: Sheehan, *German History*, chaps. VII-XIV.
Core 1b: Martel, *Modern Germany Reconsidered*, chap. 1
Supp. 1: Blackbourn, *Long Nineteenth*, chaps. 2-6
Supp. 2: Schulze, *Course of German Nationalism* DD204.S3413 1990

Novel: Gerhart Hauptmann (1862-1946), *The Weavers* (1892), about the June 1844 uprising, based on Wilhelm Wolff’s (1809-1864) contemporary portrayal. PT2616.Z38 M37 or PT2616.Z3 1951

Journals: JMH, SH

4. From the Kaiserreich to the Great War (1871-1914)

Supp. 1: Blackbourn, *Long Nineteenth*, chaps. 7-9 & Epilog

Novel: Heinrich Mann, *Man of Straw* (1917); satire based on events during the 1890s to 1914; also a 1950s East German film.


5. The Great War and the Weimar Republic (1914-1933)

All: Martel, chaps. 3-6

Supp. 1: Ian Kershaw (ed.), *Weimar: Why did German Democracy Fail?* (St. Martin’s, 1990)


6. Hitler and National Socialism (1933-1936)

All: Martel, chaps. 7, 8


7. **Hitler and World War II (1937-1945)**
   All: Martel, chap. 9
   Journals: VfZ, JMH

8. **Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (1939-1945)** (Martel, chap. 10)
   Supp. 2: Childers and Caplan (eds.), *Reevaluating the Third Reich* (Holmes&Meier, 1993) DD256.5.R384
   Journals: 1999, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, VfZ

   Core: Marcuse, *Legacies of Dachau*, chaps. 3-7, any one of 8-11, and 12, 13
   Journals: JCH, NGC

    Journals: GPS, ZfG, GH

**Journals**


*Central European History* 1(1968) Emory University D1.C4782
*European Studies Newsletter* (since 1972), newsletter of Council for European Studies (not at UCSB)

*German History* 6(1988) German History Society DD1.G37


*Geschichte und Gesellschaft* 1(1975), journal of the "Bielefeld School" (DD 1 G52; not held by UCSB)
*Historische Zeitschrift* 151(1935)[2 vols/year]. German equivalent of the AHR. D1.H58
*Journal of Modern History* 1(1929) [Univ. of Chicago] D1.J65

*New German Critique* 1(1973) PT1 .N46
*Social History* 1(1976) HN1.S62
*Tel Aviv Yearbuch für deutsche Geschichte* 1(1987), Institute for German History, Tel Aviv DD4.T46
*Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte* 1(1953), IZ Munich D1 .V5
*Yad Vashem Studies* 11(1976) DS135.E833 Y31
*Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft* 1(1953) (former east German flagship) D1 .Z4557