

HTS 3032: Modern European Intellectual History (section A and QUP)  
Professor Flamming, First Short Summer 2020  
Due to the pandemic, all instruction for section A will be online.

Quick FAQs:

- This course counts for your Ethics requirement.
- This course counts for 3 hrs. of Social Science credit.
- We will use an **electronic proctoring system**. Students taking the course in places where the internet connection is inconsistent may need to use a real-person proctor, and we can arrange that.
- **Exam Dates:** Midterm #1 will be on Thursday, May 21; Midterm #2 will be on Wednesday, June 3; and the Final Exam will be on Tuesday, June 16.
- The Final Exam is **not** cumulative.

### **Course Description and Goals:**

In this course we will explore the major ideas that have driven European history since the Renaissance. Through lectures, readings (including the analysis of primary-source documents), and documentary films, we will immerse ourselves in the history of ideas -- foundational ideas that continue to shape our lives every day. Topics will include the Renaissance and Reformation; the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment; and the whole host of "isms" that marked the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries: Liberalism; Capitalism; Conservatism; Romanticism; Communism; Freudianism; Fascism; and Existentialism.

My goals for this course are threefold. I hope that students will: 1) learn the basic ideas and ideologies that have shaped modern Europe; 2) gain an appreciation of how powerful ideas can be; and 3) begin to understand how the past continues to shape the present.

### **Exams:**

There will be **three** exams -- two mid-terms and a final exam, each worth 25 percent of your grade. The exams will be objective -- matching and multiple choice -- each consisting of 50 questions. The final exam will NOT be cumulative.

### **The Rest of Your Grade:**

- There will be a five-point "trial exam" early in the course to make sure everyone's online setup can handle a Canvas online exam. Take the exam, get five points.
- There will be two online assignments (10 points each), one near the beginning of the course and one near the end.

**Book required for the Course:** Students are on their own in acquiring this book.  
Marvin Perry, *An Intellectual History of Modern Europe*  
Additional readings may be distributed via Canvas.

A daily schedule for the course follows. It includes lecture topics, reading assignments, and exam dates.

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**Daily Schedule and Assigned Readings** (subject to minor changes)

Tuesday	May 12	Introduction to the Course
Wednesday	13	Foundations: Plato, Aristotle, Ethical Monotheism Perry, <i>Intellectual</i> , chap. 1
Thursday	14	Middle Ages to Renaissance ( video: <i>The Medici</i> ) Perry, chap. 2
Friday	15	Italian Humanism: Botticelli, Michelangelo, Savonarola

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Tuesday	19	The Reformation (video: <i>Martin Luther</i> )
Wednesday	20	The Counter Reformation
Thursday	21	MIDTERM EXAM #1 (lecture follows after a break)
Friday	22	Roots of the Enlightenment: Science and Political Theory Perry, chaps. 3-4

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Tuesday	26	The Enlightenment(s) Perry, chap. 5
Wednesday	27	Romanticism and Big Ideologies Perry, chaps. 6-7
Thursday	28	The Industrial Revolution and its Discontents Perry, chap. 8
Friday	29	Irrational Thought: Nietzsche and Freud Perry, chap. 9

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Tuesday	June 2	The Great War and the crisis of the European mind Perry, chap. 10 (pp. 355-380)
Wednesday	3	MIDTERM EXAM #2
Thursday	4	On the question of Democracy
Friday	5	Fascism and the Totalitarian State Perry, chap. 10 (381-397)

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Tuesday	9	World War Two and the Holocaust Perry, chap. 10 (397-403)
Wednesday	10	The Cold War and the possibility of Global Annihilation Perry, chap. 11
Thursday	11	Existentialism Perry, chap. 11 (442-552)
Friday	12	Postmodernism and the End of Truth? Perry, chap. 12

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**Your Final Exam will be held on Tuesday, June 16**