I. Course Title: Twentieth Century Europe

II. Course Number: HIS 434

III. Credit Hours: 3

IV. Prerequisites: Must have sophomore standing or 30 undergraduate credit hours

V. Catalog Description: This course examines the history of Europe during one of world history’s most tumultuous centuries. Beginning with the First World War in 1914 and ending with the formation of the European Union in the 1990s, Europeans witnessed two major wars, the loss of their world empires, and were convulsed by forces of Nationalism and Communism. By the end of the century, the European continent ceased to be the center of global political and military power but sought to remake itself as a global economic power.

VI. Curricular Relationships: This course is part of the upper-level non-US history electives for a BA in History/Government: History Emphasis. Offered generally for elective credit, this course may also be taken for a Minor in History.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will identify and be able to outline the major themes and events of European history from the onset of the First World War to the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe and the formation of the European Union.

2. Students will apply and analyze this content information in an in-class midterm and final examination. During these examinations, the students will relate relevant historical details to the overarching themes of the course and reconstruct the historical narrative while explaining the greater social, economic, political or cultural relevance of their evidence.

3. Students will analyze selected scholarly debates within the field of Twentieth Century European History through the examination of outside readings. In assessing these outside readings, students will select and appraise scholarly reviews and outside commentaries on the text and the author.

VIII. Content Outline:
1. Outbreak of the Great War
2. The First World War
3. The Russian Revolution
4. The Jazz Age
5. The Great Depression
6. The Rise of Fascism
7. The Rise of National Socialism
8. The Road to World War
9. The Second World War in Europe
10. The Holocaust
11. The Cold War
12. The Western Response to the Cold War
13. The Eastern Response to the Cold War
14. The *Miracolo Economico* or *Wirtschaftswunder*
15. Mid 20th Century Art and Architecture
16. The Hungarian Revolution of 1956
17. Decolonization
18. 1960s Social Movements in Eastern and Western Europe
19. The Prague Spring, 1968
20. Gorbachev and the Crack in the Wall
21. The Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe and the USSR
22. Toward European Unification?

IX. Course Procedures: A student's final grade will be assessed from the following assignments: Four Critical Book Reviews=40% (4X10%), Midterm Exam=20%, Final Exam=30%, Participation=10%.
Grading Scale: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=0-59

X. Required/Recommended Readings: Each student will read five monographs that may include scholarly works and/or historical novels that adequately address foundational themes within a broad selection of Twentieth Century European History topics.

Examples of possible readings:
Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Carlo Levi, *Christ Stopped at Eboli*
Elie Wiesel, *Night*
Timothy Garton Ash, *The Magic Lantern*

XI Any Issues Unique to this Course: No

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: No