

HIST 336

History of France

Fall Term 2012

CRN 16722, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 – 11:20 am
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Description

This course is an introductory survey of the history of France from the French Revolution through the first half of the nineteenth century. While emphasis will be placed on events and developments associated with the political history of this period, certain social and cultural topics will also be addressed in lectures and readings. The course has as its two primary aims the presentation of a basic framework for understanding major historical transformations, both political and social, in France during this period, and an introduction to some of the broader themes of French political traditions that continue to shape the France today.

Requirements

Students are responsible for reading all of the assigned syllabus readings on time, and for all material presented in class, including lectures and discussions. Assigned readings and the content of in-class lectures and discussions will provide the basis of examinations.

The **course grade** will be determined as follows:

- Short paper (due Oct. 18) + Mid-term examination (on Oct. 30): 30%
- Research paper (due Nov. 29) : 30%
- Final examination (on December 7, 8:00 – 10:00 AM): 40%

The instructor will take note of conscientious attendance and participation in class discussion. Distinctly good performance in discussion will be considered in determination of the final grade in the course and may result in an enhanced grade.

Policy regarding incompletes: Incompletes are granted rarely and only for legitimate reason, which normally means significant illness or accident or family crisis. Such incompletes are not granted to students whose failure to complete one or more

assignments, or whose repeated failure to attend class reflects negligence in the course as a whole.

Examinations

There will be a **mid-term examination, in class, on Tuesday, October 30**, and a **final examination on Friday, December 7, 8:00 AM** **IMPORTANT NOTE: The final exam may NOT be taken BEFORE this scheduled time.**

The **mid-term examination** will be based on all assigned readings and all lecture and discussion material through Week 5. A study guide will be distributed prior to the exam.

The **final examination**, scheduled for two hours in length, will be based on all assigned readings, lectures and discussions of the entire term, although readings and lectures following the mid-term exam will be emphasized. A study guide will be distributed prior to the exam.

Short Paper (due October 18)

The short paper will be an essay, 3-5 pages in length (900 – 1500 words), on one of the books listed on the bibliography that will be distributed for this assignment. No other books may be substituted for this assignment. Both of the following should be addressed in the essay:

- A one-page summary of the content of the book. The exact form of this summary will vary with the nature of the book. For example, for a book that develops a clear argument or theme, the summary should articulate that argument or theme. For a book that is largely descriptive, or a biography, the summary should indicate the main topics and the perspective emphasized in treating these topics.
- An elaboration of one feature of the book, such as a sub-theme or a particular scenario, event, issue, etc. having some historical interest, in relation to the history of France studied this term. This elaboration should make clear the nature of that historical interest.

The short paper does not require reference to any sources other than the book used in the assignment.

Research Paper (due November 29)

This paper is the single most important independent writing assignment of the term. The paper will be on a topic determined by the student and pertaining to any aspect of the history of France from the 18th century through 1880 (that is, the period covered in Malcolm Crook, ed., Revolutionary France 1788 - 1880). The paper must make

extensive use of at least **three** scholarly books or **two** scholarly books **plus two articles** from scholarly journals. None of these may be a book or article assigned as required reading on the syllabus. However, one of the books may be the same book used for the short paper assignment.

A bibliography will be distributed in class to assist in the identification of books for the research paper. The paper may make use of books and articles other than those on this bibliography, as long as these are scholarly in nature. The instructor should be consulted if there is any question about whether a particular book or article is scholarly in nature. No online (internet-accessed) sources may be used for the paper, with one exception: scholarly articles obtained through online scholarly journals, such as those archived in JSTOR, may be used.

Each of books and articles used for the research paper must be listed in a bibliography included with the paper. The bibliography should provide the following details on each book and article used for the paper:

- For books: complete name of author, complete title and subtitle (if any), place and date of publication, name of publisher, and Knight Library call number, or other identification of the source and location of the book or article
- For articles: complete name of author or authors of the article, complete title of the article, title of the scholarly journal, details on the issue of the journal in which the article appears (eg month and year, volume, number), and the pages of the journal in which the article appears.

The minimum length of the paper is 10 pages (double-spaced, 12-point type), or about 3000 words. The paper is due on **Thursday, November 29**

Course Materials

The following books are available for purchase at the University of Oregon bookstore:

- Malcolm Crook, ed., Revolutionary France 1788 - 1880
- Jeremy D. Popkin, A Short History of the French Revolution, 5th Edition
- Honoré de Balzac Père Goriot

Some assigned readings are located on the ***Blackboard*** site for the course.

Blackboard Site

The course has a ***Blackboard*** online site. Besides posting of the syllabus, study guides, and bibliography for the course paper, the site will be used to post certain assigned readings and occasional announcements. The site will also be used for posting lecture

outlines after these are used in class. All postings other than announcements are located in “Course Documents.”

Assigned Readings

References:

French Revolution: Jeremy D. Popkin, A Short History of the French Revolution, 5th Edition

Revolutionary France: Malcolm Crook, ed., Revolutionary France 1788 - 1880

Père Goriot: Honoré de Balzac, Père Goriot

Blackboard: Blackboard site for the course – look in “Course Documents”

Week 1: September 25 & 27 – Introduction, Old Regime France

- **French Revolution**, chapter 1
- **Revolutionary France**, Introduction and chapter 5 (pp. 123-127)
- Alexis de Tocqueville, “Feudal Rights” in The Old Regime and the French Revolution [*Blackboard*]

Week 2: October 2 & 4 – Origins of Revolution

- **French Revolution**, chapter 2

Week 3: October 9 & 11 – Liberal Revolution, 1789 – 1792

- **French Revolution**, chapters 3 and 4
- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 1 (pp. 8-19)

Week 4: October 16 & 18 – Radical Revolution, 1792 - 1794

- **French Revolution**, chapter 5
- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 1 (pp. 19-23), chapter 5 (127-133)
- **October 18: SHORT PAPER DUE**

Week 5: October 23 & 25 – Directory and Napoleon 1792 - 1794

- **French Revolution**, chapters 6-8
- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 1 (pp. 23-35), chapter 7 (179-182)

Week 6: October 30 & November 1 – Bourbon Restoration 1815 - 1830

- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 2 (pp. 36-41), chapter 7 (182-191)
- **French Revolution**, chapter 9
- **October 30: MID-TERM EXAM**

Week 7: November 6 & 8 – July Monarchy 1830 - 1848

- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 2 (pp. 41- 62), chapter 5 (134-150)
- William Sewell, Work and Revolution in France (selection) [***Blackboard***]
- **Père Goriot**, begin reading

Week 8: November 13 & 15 – Religion

- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 3 (pp. 63-92)
- Stendhal, Scarlet and Black (selection) [***Blackboard***]
- **Père Goriot**, continue reading

Week 9: November 20 - Gender

- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 4 (pp. 93-122)
- **Père Goriot**, finish reading

Week 10: November 27 & 29 – The Nation and Nationalism

- **Revolutionary France**, chapter 6 (pp. 151-177)
- **November 29: RESEARCH PAPER DUE**

FINAL EXAMINATION: Friday, December 7, 8:00 – 10:00 AM