

EUROPEAN INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY

History 348
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Tuesday 7:00-9:55

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course surveys the intellectual and cultural history of Europe from the Enlightenment through the present day. It will examine changes in European thought from the rationalism of the "age of reason" to the belief in science and progress in the nineteenth century to the crisis of modern thought in the twentieth. Special attention will also be paid to the ways in which artistic movements like romanticism and modernism have paralleled and reflected intellectual trends, and how both intellectual and cultural history have reacted to the changing European social and political landscape.

READING:

This course depends entirely on reading from primary sources, some in entirety and others in excerpt. The following books are available for purchase at the bookstore. The particular editions may matter, since some of the books have other documents that I have also assigned. I recommend buying the books since you will need to consult them frequently.

*Edgar E. Knoebel, *Classics of Western Thought*, vol. 3, *The Modern World* (4th ed., Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich) (abbreviated as CL on the schedule)

Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*, 2d ed (Broadview) (This is the 1818 edition.)

H. G. Wells, *The Time Machine*, (Broadview)

*Sigmund Freud, *Five Lectures on Psycho-analysis* (Norton)

George Orwell, *1984* (Signet)

*Also on reserve at the library.

ELECTRONIC RESERVES AND WEBSITES:

Some of the readings are available on electronic reserves at the library. They can be accessed via the internet on campus or at home at the following address: <http://eres.sfsu.edu/> (or by the link on the library web page or my web page). The password for this course is Locke. (If you are having trouble logging in, check that you have capitalized and correctly spelled the password.) These readings are indicated on the schedule with the abbreviation ER. Some readings are directly accessible on the web, in which case the URL is given in the syllabus. There are also links from my web page.

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