



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2021-2022

COURSE TITLE

Modernity in European Cities

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COURSE TYPE

Compact Seminar

MAJOR(S)

EHC

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

SEMESTER

2

TEACHING HOURS

10

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

40

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Students will examine the development of the idea of Modernity and the influence of Technology on urban development. The course will enrich students' appreciation of modern European and world history

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will be able to grasp the concept of modernity in the European context.
- Students will learn basic historical milestones in the application of technology in the context of European cities.
- Students will be able to gain a basic knowledge of urban history in Europe.
- Students will become acquainted with the importance of urban areas in the development of modern politics, everyday life, technology, and diverse forms of culture.
- Students are able to develop and sustain historical arguments in a variety of literary forms, formulating appropriate questions and utilizing evidence.
- Students are able to tackle questions of general historical significance, ranging widely across time and space, and to exemplify their syntheses with detailed evidence.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Please consult the selected readings. Instructor will be happy to provide a course syllabus in advance.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Lecture (with Power Point), discussion

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The compact seminar will be assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis through:

- An online multiple-choice test (80% of the mark) at the end of the final course session - 15 minutes to answer 7 questions, and
- Overall attendance (20% of the mark).

The weighted average of both assessment elements needs to be equal or greater than 50% for a student to pass the compact seminar.

Each student is entitled to re-taking the test once. The re-take test would account for 80% of the mark whilst overall attendance would account for the remaining 20%.

Since compact seminars carry no ECTS credits, the final result will be present on the transcript, but will have no impact on students' final average, nor on overall grade, nor on attaining the diploma.

COURSE CONTENTS

The course will cover urban history and technological change in Europe in the period ca. 1870 to 2000. In the period before World War I, the course will examine in some detail Paris and St. Petersburg as exemplars of "urban modernity." The impact of new forms of technology, in particular technologies of communication, transport, time-keeping, and consumption will be discussed. In the interwar, the course will look at how both the newly-independent countries of East-Central Europe and the newly socialist USSR used urban space to exhibit national and communist ideology. In the postwar period, we will concentrate on Berlin, Warsaw, and Vilnius to look at how ideology and practical considerations influenced the rebuilding of cities heavily damaged by the war.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Articles, stories, and chapters from books will be available in scanned form on the intranet. Illustrations and maps will be incorporated into PowerPoint lectures.