



Bachelor's courses Faculty of Humanities

VU University Amsterdam - Student- & Onderwijszaken - Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit - 2018-2019

European History 1800-present

Course code	L_GABAGES124 ()
Period	Period 4
Credits	6.0
Language of tuition	English
Faculty	Faculteit der Geesteswetenschappen
Coordinator	dr. D.B.R. Kroeze
Examinator	dr. D.B.R. Kroeze
Teaching staff	dr. D.B.R. Kroeze, prof. dr. S. Legene
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar
Level	100

Course objective

To improve knowledge of the history of Europe from an international perspective in the modern and contemporary era;

To make students familiar with different important concepts, theories, methods and sources that are used within the broader field of political history;

To inform students about the history behind contemporary societal challenges and stimulate them to participate in debates about perspectives on and developments behind such challenges.

Course content

This course offers an overview of the history of Europe from an international perspective since 1800. Events, periods, concepts, developments and persons that played an important role within that history will be critically discussed during a series of lectures, such as the revolution of 1848 throughout Europe and its resonances in the wider imperial world; the two world wars and the Cold War; imperialism, state-building and the emergence of supra-national organizations; key historical figures like Woodrow Wilson or Margaret Thatcher. During several classes European developments will be explicitly linked to specifically Dutch as well as wider international developments. Students will also learn about debates among historians how to understand certain developments and be introduced with concepts, theories, methods and sources from the field of (international) political history.

Form of tuition

Lectures as well as a weekly feedback seminar to discuss the handbook chapters in more detail.

Type of assessment

Midterm (25%) and final exam (75%).

Course reading

John Merriman, A History of Modern Europe. From the Renaissance to the Present (New York/Londen 2010; third edition); F. Wielenga, A History of the Netherlands. A History of the Netherlands (London 2015).

Entry requirements

International exchange students need a background in humanities.

Target group

First year history students; international exchange students with a background in humanities.

International exchange students with a background in humanities who want to partake should contact the coordinator Ronald Kroeze (d.b.r.kroeze@vu.nl)