## Cover Sheet: Request 9645

**EUH2034 Nazi Germany**

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* If the request is for a change in credits, contact type or course description, a syllabus must be attached and the syllabus checklist on the next page of this form must be completed.

**24. Rationale and Placement in Curriculum**

My experience teaching this class both at the 3000 level as a revolving topic class and at the 2000 level strongly suggests that the 3000 designation is more appropriate than the latter, because the topic is so weighty and the material so difficult that students’ expectations of lower division classes make it impossible for me to present the material, assign readings, and create interactive writing assignments in a manner that is suitably sustained and in-depth. The extensive reading and writing required in this class is appropriate for
students who have completed at least one college level course in history.
**Syllabus Requirements Checklist**

The University’s complete Syllabus Policy can be found at:
http://www.aa.ufl.edu/Data/Sites/18/media/policies/syllabi_policy.pdf

The syllabus of the proposed course **must** include the following:

- Course title
- Instructor contact information (if applicable, TA information may be listed as TBA)
- Office hours during which students may meet with the instructor and TA (if applicable)
- Course objectives and/or goals
- A weekly course schedule of topics and assignments.
- Methods by which students will be evaluated and their grades determined
- Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points. This may be achieved by
  including a link to the appropriate undergraduate catalog web page:
- List of all required and recommended textbooks
- Materials and Supplies Fees, if any
- A statement related to class attendance, make-up exams and other work such as: “Requirements for
  class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with
  university policies that can be found in the online catalog at:
  https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx.”
- A statement related to accommodations for students with disabilities such as: “Students requesting
  classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students
  Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the
  Instructor when requesting accommodation.”
- A statement informing students of the online course evaluation process such as: “Students are
  expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These
  evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during
  the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are
  open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at
  https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.”

It is **recommended** that the syllabus contain the following:

- Critical dates for exams or other work
- Class demeanor expected by the professor (e.g. tardiness, cell phone usage)
- The university’s honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, etc.

*Suggested wording: UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the
University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of
honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the
University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither
given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code
(http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors
that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report
any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any
questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

- Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/,
  392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies
Nearly six decades after its collapse, Nazi Germany continues to fascinate the general public as well as specialists, and with good reason. Though Adolf Hitler’s state lasted for only twelve years, it started history’s most destructive war (World War II) while committing history’s largest crime (The Holocaust)—and for the most part, it did so with the acquiescence of the German public.

We will move chronologically, but also thematically, over the semester. Each week, with two exceptions, will have two days of lecture (Monday, Wednesday) and one day of discussion (Friday), to which you will have to write and bring a 300-350-word reaction paper based on that week’s readings. There will be an essay midterm, an argumentative paper of 1,500 words, and an essay based-final exam.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the semester students will:

- Understand the major questions that historians ask about Nazi Germany.
- Understand the major arguments and factual narratives concerning these questions.
- Understand how the Nazi state functioned organically, not simply as a top down dictatorship, but how it won consensus from among ordinary Germans.
- Draw larger lessons from the Nazi period concerning the essence of citizenship and human responsibility.
- Be able to formulate solid arguments concerning major issues of the Nazi period in writing and in speech.

REQUIRED TEXTS

- Additional Required Texts Available on Canvas.
WEB RESOURCES USED FOR CLASS

German History in Documents and Images (German Historical Institute):
http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
http://www.ushmm.org/
German Propaganda Archive (Calvin College)
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/

WRITING ASSIGNNMENTS AND FEEDBACK:

This course meets the university writing requirement and provides opportunities for writing 4,000 words. The Writing Requirement ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning. To receive writing credit for this course, a student must receive a grade of “C” or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course.” The instructor will provide timely feedback on writing with respect to grammar, punctuation, usage of standard written English, clarity, coherence, and organization. Weekly reaction papers, due on Fridays (see below), will receive feedback by the following Tuesday. The term paper, due at the end of week 13, will receive feedback by the following week.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

- **Weekly Reaction Papers (20%)**. Each week will have a set of documents for you to read. You will write reaction paper of 300-350 words (one and a half typed pages), in which you will answer questions based on the class readings. The grading rubric is as follows:

  A: clear, organized argument, engaging/arguing directly with readings, flawless grammar.
  B: clear argument, shows understanding of readings, minimal grammatical mistakes.
  C: unclear organization, lacking clear manifestation of readings, chronic grammatical mistakes
  D-E: poorly written, no demonstration of having done readings, grammar not at college level.

- **Weekly class participation (10%)**. Students are expected to participate in class discussions on Friday. Participation is graded as follows:

  A: consistent, strong, and insightful participation with regular reference to readings
  B: steady participation, sometimes based on readings
  C: minimal participation with little-to-no engagement with the readings
  D-E: lack of participation and engagement in the discussions and readings

- **Midterm Exam (20%)**. There will be a midterm exam given on the Friday of the sixth week consisting of identification questions and an essay. The grading rubric is as follows:

  A: identifies and dates key terms, placed clearly in broad historical context; well argued, sustained essay complete with material from class, readings; with full command of detail.
  B: identifies and/or dates key terms, placed somewhat in broad historical context; essay contains sufficient historical detail to sustain argument with some detail.
C: identifies and/or dates some key terms, not as well paced within historical context; essay lacks sustained argument, lacking command of detail.
D-E: fails to demonstrate command of key terms; fails to demonstrate command of essay question.

- **Term Paper** (20%). There will be a term paper of 1,500 words (about six pages) due at the end of the twelfth week in which you weigh historical questions concerning multiple weekly readings together. The grading rubric is as follows:

A: clear, organized, sustained argument; engaging/arguing directly with several weeks of readings; polished grammar and usage, proper citations, no misspellings.
B: clear argument, generally sustained throughout paper, shows understanding of readings over several weeks, minimal grammatical mistakes.
C: unclear organization, argument not as well sustained, lacking clear manifestation of readings, chronic grammatical mistakes
D-E: poorly written, no demonstration of having understood readings, grammar not at college level.

- **Final Examination** (20%). There will be a comprehensive final consisting of short answers, identification questions, and an essay given during finals week.

A: identifies and dates key terms, placed clearly in broad historical context; well argued, sustained essay complete with material from class, readings; with full command of detail.
B: identifies and/or dates key terms, placed somewhat in broad historical context; essay contains sufficient historical detail to sustain argument with some detail.
C: identifies and/or dates some key terms, not as well paced within historical context; essay lacks sustained argument, lacking command of detail.
D-E: fails to demonstrate command of key terms; fails to demonstrate command of essay question.

**CLASSROOM POLICIES:**

- Attendance and makeup policy: Lecture attendance is mandatory. It will be assessed through a daily sign-up sheet. The student will lose 1% from his or her final grade for every unexcused absence. Absence on discussion days without excused absence will impact class participation, as this work cannot be made up without an excused absence. The midterm exam cannot be made up without an excused absence. Absences will be excused in accordance with UF policy. Acceptable reasons include illness, religious holidays, military obligation, and the twelve-day rule (https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx). Should you miss a class for any reason, you are responsible for informing yourself as to what was covered in class.

- Late Policy: A class roll will be passed around at the beginning of class. If a student is late, he or she will have to sign the roll after class. Such lateness distracts other students and the instructor
and will affect the student’s final participation grade. Students will lose 1% from their final grade each time they arrive late.

- Late Paper Policy: Late papers due to excused absences will be accepted; where possible, make-ups should be arranged by email or in person prior to the expected absence. In case of illness, students should contact me on their return to classes. For unexcused late papers, a letter grade is deducted for each day, or part thereof, that the paper is late.

- Cell phone policy: Students must turn cell phones to silent before coming to class. Texting will not be tolerated. This is a distraction to other students and will result in you being asked to leave class for the rest of the day.

- Computer policy: Students may use computers and iPads to take notes but not to e-mail, watch videos, and so on. This is a distraction to other students and will result in you being asked to leave class for the rest of the day.

- Grade disputes: Should a student wish to dispute any grade received in this class (other than simple addition errors), the dispute must be in writing and be submitted to the instructor within a week of receiving the grade. The dispute should state very clearly, the grade that the student believes the assignment should have received as well as why he or she believes that he or she should have received such a grade.

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Note: A grade below C- is not a qualifying grade for major, minor, Gen Ed, or College Basic distribution credit. For further information on UF’s Grading Policy, see: [https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx) [http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html](http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html)

**Academic Honesty:** Students are required to be honest in their coursework, may not use notes during quizzes or exams, and must properly cite all sources that they have consulted for their projects. Any act of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students, and may result in failure of the assignment in question and/or the course. For University of Florida’s honor code, see [http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php)

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**Mental Health:** Phone numbers and contact sites for university counseling services and mental health services: [http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx); 392-1575, University Police Department 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

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when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu.
Class Schedule
(Flexible for Holidays depending on Semester)

Week One: Problems in German History

M: Germany’s Political Geography to 1848
W: Imperial Germany
F: Discussion: Failed Turning Points

Reading for Week One:
Spielvogel, Chapter 1.

In German History in Documents and Images:
- Introduction on Imperial Germany 1890-1918
- Heinrich von Treitschke, “The Jews are Our Misfortune.”
- Gottfried Berman, Endangered-Protected: A Publisher’s Path
- Rosa Luxemburg, “Social Reform or Revolution?”

Reaction Paper Question: Based on the readings above, would you say that the political structure of the Second Reich was doomed to failure? Why or why not?

Week Two: The Defeat of 1918

M: World War I: Defeat
W: World War I: Aftermath
F: Discussion: The Stab in the Back

Reading for Week Two: Spielvogel, Chapter 2 to pp. 29

In German History in Documents and Images:
- Monthly Report to Prussian War Ministry, March 1917
- Reichstag Peace Resolution, 1917
- Hindenburg’s Testimony: The Stab in the Back
- Friedrich Kroener, “Overwrought Nerves.”

Reaction Paper Question: The Stab-in-the-Back Myth was based partly on the hysterics that followed the war. Based on your reading, from where did the hysterics come? From long term causes? Or from the nature of the 1918 defeat?
Week Three: Hitler

M: Nazi Ideology: The Centrality of Antisemitism
W: Nazi Ideology: The Problem of Conquest
F: Discussion: Nazi Ideology

Reading for Week Three:
Spielvogel, Chapter 2, finish.
Norman JW Goda, The Holocaust: Europe, the World and the Jews (New York: Pearson, 2013), Chapters 1, 3
[On Canvas]

Adolf Hitler, “Why We Are Antisemites” (1922)[On Canvas];
Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf (Excerpts) (1924) [On Canvas]

Reaction Paper Question: It is often said that Hitler’s “evil” is inexplicable. Try anyway. Explain the nature of Hitler’s thinking and where you think the main trends of his thinking came from.

Week Four: How the Nazis Came to Power

M: The Depression and the Rise to Power
W: The Reichstag Fire and the Seizure of Power
F: Discussion: How Hitler Came to Power

Reading for Week Four:
Spielvogel, Chapter 3

In Calvin Propaganda Archive:
Joseph Goebbels, “Why Do We Want to Join the Reichstag? (1928)
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/angrif06.htm
An analysis of Nazi Propaganda (1932)
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/wilweg02.htm
On German History in Documents and Images:
Rudolf Diels on Reichstag Fire:
Otto Wels on Enabling Act:

Reaction Paper Question. In 1928 the Nazis polled 2.6 percent of the vote. Five years later, Hitler was not only chancellor, but enjoyed unrivalled power. Based on the documents above, how do we explain the Nazis meteoric rise?
**Week Five: The Police State: Coercion and Consensus**

M: The SS and the Police  
W: The Concentration Camps  
F: Discussion: Ordinary Germans and the Police State

Reading for Week Five:  
Spielvogel Chapter 4 to p. 110.  
Concentration Camp Regulations October 1933 (On Canvas)  
Crew, Chapter 5.


Take:  
Virtual Tour of Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site  
http://www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de/virtual_tour.html

**Reaction Paper Question**: Was Nazi Germany a terror state in which everyone lived in fear? Or was it a consensual dictatorship, in which a critical mass of the population agreed and even participated in the police’s functions.

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**Week Six: The Road to World War II**

M: Rearmament to the Rhineland  
W: The Road to War  
F: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Reading for Week Six  
Spielvogel, Chapter 7 to p. 209.

From German History in Documents and Images.  
The Hossbach Protocol, 1937  
Hitler’s Secret Speech to Military Commanders, February 1939  

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**Week Seven: The Totalitarian State: Friends (I)**

M: Representing Men: Triumph of the Will  
W: Representing Women: Olympia  
F: Discussion: Did Women Enable the Nazi State?

Week Seven Reading:  
Spielvogel, Chapter 6.  
Crew, Chapters 6, 4 (in that order)

In German History in Documents and Images
Meisinger on Homosexuality (1934)
Himmler on Procreation Decree
Labor Conscription for Married Women (1939)

Watch:
Clips from *Triumph of the Will* (1934) and *Olympia* (1936) [On Canvas]

**Reaction Paper Question:** Were women passive victims of a misogynistic regime, or did many women enable the regime’s criminality by focusing on the private sphere?

**Week Eight: The Totalitarian State: Friends (II)**

M: Hitler’s Children
W: The Churches under National Socialism
F: Discussion: God and the Nazis

Week Eight Reading:

Spielvogel, Chapter 5.
Mitchell, Part V (Stephenson); Part IV (Helmreich)

In German History in Documents and Images:
Guidelines on the Teaching of History
SD on Attitudes of the Young
Pope Pius XI, With Deep Anxiety

In Calvin Propaganda Archive:
The Cross and the Swastika
http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/christuskreuz.htm

Watch:
*Hitlerjunge Quex* (1937) (On Canvas)
Look at:
Covers from magazine *Pimpf* (On Canvas)

**Reaction Paper Question:** Based on the documents and film clips for this week, discuss the extent to which the Nazis’ family policies reflected the value that their propaganda placed on the nuclear family.
**Week Nine: The Totalitarian State: Enemies**

M: The Disabled: Sterilization  
W: The Disabled: Murder  
F: Discussion: Selling Murder  

Week Nine Reading:

Spielvogel, Chapter 4, pp. 110-112  
Crew, Chapter 3  
Documents on Euthanasia (from Jeremy Noakes and Geoffrey Pridham, *Nazism: A History through Documents*, v. III) [on Canvas]  
Watch: Excerpt from *Selling Murder: The Killing Films of the Third Reich* (1993)

**Reaction Paper Question:** Define euthanasia, and assess the ways in which it differed propaganda represented euthanasia and reality in Nazi Germany defined it.

**Week Ten: The Totalitarian State: Enemies (II)**

M: Representing the Jew  
W: Kristallnacht and War  
F: Discussion: Germans and Jews  

Week Ten Reading:

Spielvogel, Chapter 9 to p. 265.  
Alan Steinweis, *Kristallnacht* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2009), Chapters 5, 6 [On Canvas]

**Reaction Paper Question:** For years after the war, ordinary Germans argued that they had disapproved of the regime’s policy toward Jews. Does new scholarship on Kristallnacht maintain or change this picture?

**Week Eleven: The Final Solution I**

M: Poland’s Jews and Deportation Schemes  
W: The USSR and the Einsatzgruppen  
F: Discussion: Ordinary Men?  

Week Eleven Reading:

Spielvogel, Chapter 9, finish  
Crew, Chapters 8, 9  

From German History in Documents and Images:  
Major General Bruns on Mass Shootings in Riga  
**Reaction Paper Question**: What are we to make of this contrast? Christopher Browning argues that ordinary German policemen were fundamentally non-ideological and uneasy with the tasks of mass murder. And yet there are contemporary records that describe the killers as ideologically driven and eager.

**Week Twelve: The Final Solution II**

M: The Final Solution  
W: What the Germans Knew: The White Rose  
F: Discussion: The Rosenstrasse Protest

Week Twelve Reading:
Nathan Stolzfus, Articles on the Rosenstrasse Protest [on Canvas]  
Watch: Excerpt from Sophie Scholl the Final Days [on Canvas]

**Reaction Paper Question**: Describe the relationship between the German home front and the Holocaust. How do you explain German reactions?

**Week Thirteen: The Home Front and Resistance**

M: Defeats and the Home Front, 1942-1944  
W: Operation Valkyrie  
F: Discussion: Remembering von Stauffenberg

Week Thirteen Reading:
Spielvogel, Chapter 8  
Mitchell, Part IV (Hoffmann; Part V (Bartov)  

Watch
Excerpt from *Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler* [on Canvas]

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**Week Fourteen: Destruction**

M: Under the Bombs  
W: The Soviet Advance  
F: Discussion: The Nature of the Defeat  

Week Fourteen Reading  
Spielvogel, Chapter 10  
Alastair Noble: The Darkest Hour: Nazi Rule and the Soviet Offensive in Eastern Germany, Chapter 9 (Sussex Academic Press, 2010) [on Canvas]  
Ian Kershaw, *The End: The Defiance and Destruction of Hitler’s Germany*, pp. 3-17; 386-401 (New York: Penguin, 2011)[on Canvas]  

Watch: Soviet War Footage Clips [on Canvas]  

**Reaction Paper Question:** How are we to understand that Nazi Germany, from its army to its civilians, held on against the Allies and the Soviets until the complete destruction of the state and its cities?  

**Week Fifteen: Remembering, Forgetting**  

M: The Pain of Defeat: Nuremberg and After  
W: The Agony of Memory: German Victimhood?  
F: Memory Wars  

Week Fifteen Reading:  
Mary Nolan, “Germans as Victims in the Second World War: Air Wars, Memory Wars,” *Central European History* (2005) [on Canvas]  

**Reaction Paper Question:** The Germans struggle with this question as to wheter they victims in World War II, or were accomplices with no claim to victimhood. How does this difficult question affect the memory of the war?