

HIST 4373 & 4373G

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SYLLABUS

HISTORY OF THE HABSBURG EMPIRE

Course Description

The Habsburg family governed what today is Austria and much of Central Europe for 600 years; Emperor Maximilian I built the Habsburg Empire with his marriage alliances and constant warring; his grandsons divided the Habsburg Monarchy into Austrian and Spanish lines; the Austrian line came to control much of Central Europe and were elected Holy Roman Emperors; the Spanish Habsburgs ruled the Iberian Peninsula and the “new world” for almost 200 years (the empire where “the sun never set”). The Habsburgs defended their capital Vienna twice against Ottoman onslaughts in 1529 and 1683 (“clash of civilizations”). The Habsburgs led the counterreformation in their territories and produced a flowering Baroque culture. They battled Napoleon and hosted the Congress of Vienna, reordering Europe in 1815. In the age of growing 19th century nationalism, the Habsburgs fought valiantly to maintain a multi-ethnic and multi-national monarchy against all odds. “Fin-de-siecle” Vienna saw an unprecedented cultural and intellectual flowering (Freud, Klimt, Schiele, Wagner, Mahler, Schnitzler, Wittgenstein), producing the birth of modernism. It was in the late Habsburg Monarchy where the fateful shots were fired that unleashed World War I, led to the collapse of European empires (including the Hasburg Dual Monarchy) and rang in the twentieth Century.

Course Readings

James Reston, Jr.. *Defenders of the Faith: Christianity and Islam Battle for the Soul of Europe, 1520-1539*. New York: Penguin 2005

Charles W. Ingrao, *The Habsburg Monarchy, 1618-1815* (New Approaches to European History) 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge UP Pb, 2000

Andrew Wheatcroft. *The Enemy at the Gate: Habsburgs, Ottomans, and the Battle for Europe*. New York: Basic Books PB

Alan Palmer. *Twilight of the Habsburgs: The Life and Times of Emperor Francis Joseph*. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press Pb 1997

Joseph Roth. *The Radetzky March*. Overlook Press 2002.

Timothy Snyder. *The Red Prince: The Secret Lives of a Habsburg Archduke*. New York Basic Books Pb 2010.

Grading

1 Midterm	30 %
1 Final	30%
3 Papers	30 %
Class participation	10 %

Graduate Credit

Graduate students who enroll in this class have to do additional research for their written paper and write at least a 13-page research paper!

Attendance Policy

Students have to attend ALL class lectures; unexcused absences will result in one grade drop per unexcused absence; a class can only be excused by contacting the instructor in advance (phone or e-mail)

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is fundamental to the process of learning and evaluating academic performance. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following: cheating, plagiarism (including copying work from the Internet!), tempering with academic records and examinations, falsifying identity, and being accessory to acts of academic dishonesty. Refer to the UNO Judicial Code for further information. The Code is available online at http://www.uno.edu/~stlf/policy%20Manual/judicial_code_pts.htm.

Students with Disabilities

Students who qualify for services will receive the academic modifications for which they are legally entitled. It is the responsibility of the student to register with the Office of Disability Services (UC 260) each semester and follow their procedures for obtaining assistance.

Student Learning Objective

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to

- ◆ Identify the changes on maps of what constituted the Habsburg lands over 600 years of history in Central Europe
- ◆ Identify the major figures (emperors, advisers, generals, diplomats, artists, intellectuals) that governed the Habsburg lands
- ◆ Understand the basic nature of dynastic rule in European history by way of the Habsburg family
- ◆ Understand the interaction between growing and waning Habsburg power vis-à-vis European history and how European dynasties balanced Habsburg power
- ◆ Understand the Habsburgs struggle with the Ottomans and Russians in the East and the French and Germans in the West
- ◆ Understand the nature of the rise of nationalities and multi-ethnic conflict within the Habsburg Empire
- ◆ Understanding the changing Austrian identity vis-à-vis German identity within the Central European context

- ◆ Have a basic understanding of the political cultures of ethnic groups within the Habsburg lands
- ◆ Have a basic understanding of social and economic history of the Habsburg lands
- ◆ Have a basic understanding of the Austrian lands as a “cultural superpower” in Europe
- ◆ Understand how the legacies and memories of World War II powerfully linger – and affect the peoples of the Habsburg succession states -- to this day

Schedule of Classes and Assignments

Tu Aug 23	Introduction of Themes and Discussion of Syllabus and Assignments READ: Ingraio, <i>Habsburg Monarchy</i> , pp. 1-22
Th Aug 25	Central European History to the High Middle Ages
Tu Aug 30	Rudolf of Habsburg and the Austrian Hereditary Lands (<i>Erblande</i>)
Th Sep 1	The Habsburgs Dynasty in Ascendancy: The Austrian Lands and the Habsburgs as Holy Roman Emperors
Tu Sep 6	Habsburg Power in Advance and the Renaissance: The Age of Maximilian I
Th Sep 8	Charles V & Philipp II and the Advent of the Habsburg Empire
Tu Sep 13	Ferdinand I: The Protestant Revolution and the Ottoman Challenge: First Siege of Vienna READ: Reston, <i>Defenders of the Faith</i> (entire)
Th Sep 15	Guest Lecture Ambassador Wendelin Ettmayer, Vienna <i>“The Practice and Agenda of Habsburg Foreign Policy on the Eve of World War I”</i>

- Tu Sep 20 Guest Lecture Professor Andreas Resch, Vienna
"The Economy of the Dual Monarchy: Economic Innovation or Backwardness?"
- Th Sep 22 **No Class**
- Tu Sep 27 The Court of Rudolf II
- Th Sep 29 The Counter-Reformation and the Thirty Years War
 READ: Ingrao, *Habsburg Monarchy*, pp. 23-52
- Tu Oct 4 Enemies at the Gates Again: Leopold I and the Second Siege of Vienna
 READ: READ: Ingrao, *Habsburg Monarchy*, pp. 53-104
 Wheatcroft, *Enemy at the Gate* (entire)
- 1st paper due (4 pp.):** Compare the Reston and Wheatcroft books: How serious was the Ottoman threat to Habsburg power in Central Europe? Was the long Ottoman vs. Habsburg struggle a religious war of Islam vs. Christianity? What are the legacies of this long struggle between the Ottomans and Habsburgs for today's world? Was it a "clash of civilizations"?
- Th Oct 6 **No Class – Midsemester Break**
- Tu Oct 11 The Age of Baroque
- Th Oct 13 **MIDTERM EXAM**
- Tu Oct 18 The End of Habsburg Rule in Spain and the War of the Spanish Succession
 READ: Ingrao, *Habsburg Monarchy*, pp. 105-149
- Th Oct 20 The Age of Maria Theresa and the Prussian Challenge
 READ: Ingrao, *Habsburg Monarchy*, pp. 150-219

Tu Oct 25 **No Class**

READ: Roth, *The Radetzky March* (entire)

Th Oct 27 **Guest Lecture Chip Wagar**

*“The Writing of **An American in Vienna** -- a Novel on the Late Habsburg Empire”*

Tu Nov 1 **Showing of movie *Colonel Redl*** (famous spy case in Austrian Army)

Th Nov 3 **Showing of documentary *Vienna - Mask of Gold*** (on Fin de Siècle Vienna)

2nd paper (5 pp -- due on Nov. 8) Compare Roth’s *Radetzky March* and the movie *Colonel Redl* – How do these two artistic representatives (fiction and film) capture the mood of the late Habsburg Monarchy? How do they portray Emperor Francis Joseph? How prevailing is anti-semitism in the Habsburg Army and elites and how does it undermine the Empire?

Tu Nov 8 The Age of Reform and Revolution

READ: Ingrao, *Habsburg Monarchy*, pp. 220-247

Th Nov 10 The Napoleonic Wars and the Congress of Vienna

Tu Nov 15 Metternich, *Vormärz*, and the Revolution of 1848

READ: Palmer, *Emperor Francis Joseph*, pp. 1-79

Th Nov 17 The Struggle for Predominance in Germany and Dual Monarchy:

The Age of Francis Joseph

READ: Palmer, *Emperor Francis Joseph*, pp. 80-245

Tu Nov 22 *Fin the Siecle Vienna* and the Birth of Modernism

Th Nov 24 **Thanksgiving Holiday**

READ: Snyder, *The Red Prince* (entire)

Tu Nov 29 The Coming of World War I

READ: Palmer, *Emperor Francis Joseph*, pp. 246-349

3rd paper due (6 pp) – Was the multi-ethnic and diverse Habsburg Monarchy doomed to collapse in an age of nationalism? Which factors held the Dual Monarchy together, which divided her?

Th Dec 1 World War I and the Collapse of the Habsburg Empire

FINAL EXAMINATION