

**UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
SPRING 2018**

IR231

The Cold War

Course requirements:

- x **Participation:** Students are expected to contribute actively to our meetings; this will influence the final grade. All students are required to attend each class: students who miss more than five meetings without a serious and explicit reason cannot expect to pass, regardless of how well they do in other course requirements. One class can be missed without excuse; each subsequent absence will incur a 2 percent lowering of the final grade. Attendance and participation accounts for 15 percent of the course grade.
- x **Reading assignments:** Students are required to read the assigned pages from the textbook as specified. Recommended, supplementary materials from this syllabus or of WKH VWXGHQWV¶ FKRRVLQJ DUH KLJKO\ HQFRXUDJHG W
- x **Examinations:** Each student will choose (or be assigned to) D³ MIDPQH WHDP responsible for a particular Cold War decade. Two teams will do presentations on the designated dates in February, March and April; performance in this activity will account for 10 percent of the course grade. The mid-term examination will be held on Thursday, 20 March (60 minutes; multiple choice, short answer & matching columns), accounting for 25 percent of the course grade. The final examination, accounting for 50 percent of the course grade, will be a cumulative, open book examination ±you may use any and all hard copy notes and sources (multiple choice, short answer, matching columns & essays).

Week One Understanding the European Continent as Playground

1. January 18

Assignment: Rev /P MCID 20BDC BT1 0 0 1 72.024 &C BT18 ewill beterm exa 69 /P MCID 219th -11(cnt

4. January 30

Symbolic ruins, reconstruction, new constructions: Reichstag, Dresden, Warsaw, and Nowa Huta

Judt, T., *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* Chapter III: The Rehabilitation of Europe, 82-99; Chapter IV: The Impossible Settlement, 100-128

Gaddis, J.L., *We Now Know: Rethinking Cold War History* Chapter 2: Cold War Empires: Europe

Judge, E.H.; Langdon, J.W., *The Cold War: A History through Documents* Part I, Chapters 1, 2 and 5

Week Three Negotiating Central Europe

5. February 1

The Dividing and Divided Germany: Eliminating Perceived and Real Threats of Germany, of the Soviet Union

6. February 6

Negotiating buffer states: Yugoslavia, Austria, Albania & Romania. How Tito managed to satisfy both West and East, how Austria broke away from the Soviet Union, and how Albania and Romania forged their own path

Judt, T., *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* Chapter V: The Coming of the Cold War, 129-181; Chapter VIII: The Politics of Stability, 241-247, 260-265

Judge, E.H.; Langdon, J.W., *The Cold War: A History through Documents* Part I, Chapters 10 and 13

Week Four The Soviet w 8vt 0 0 1:3

Week Nine Détente: The US & USSR vis-à-vis Europe

17. March 22

Judge, E.H.; Langdon, J.W,