

COURSE DETAIL

STUDIES IN WAR: FROM THE CRIMEA TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

102

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

STUDIES IN WAR: FROM THE CRIMEA TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR

UCEAP Transcript Title

WAR: CRIMEA TO WWII

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This reading-intensive course seeks to give students an understanding of how war, including the technology and tactics of war, and the journalistic coverage of wars, has changed and developed from the middle of the nineteenth until the middle of the twentieth century. Six wars – different in nature, but all significant in varying ways – are studied: the Crimean War of 1853-56 – the first war reported in the “modern era” through the use of the telegraph; the First World War of 1914-18, the Russian Revolution and the civil war it gave birth to, and the Second World War of 1939-45 – the two “great” wars and the “great” revolution of the twentieth century that fundamentally changed the world we live in today; the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39, a civil war in which foreign powers did (at least partially) intervene. Finally students read about the reality of the Holocaust through the eyes of its single most thoughtful survivor, Primo Levi. Students thus gain a clear insight into the differences of wars between nations, civil wars and revolutions, and of the effects they have. Students also gain an insight into how war as a policy option has changed during this century – above all from a European perspective – and the effect that has had in the international political arena.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

8002WP81Y

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Host Institution Campus

Leiden University College, The Hague

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

World Politics

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