

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE SHORT TWENTIETH CENTURY AND BEYOND

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Sussex

**Program(s)**

University of Sussex

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

161

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

THE SHORT TWENTIETH CENTURY AND BEYOND

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SHORT 20C & BEYOND

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This course reviews some of the major international events and processes of "the short 20th century" (1914-1989). The course emphasizes the order and disorder in international history of a period that has been one of the most tumultuous: racked by wars, revolutions, and global ideological conflicts. In the same period, however, the international system developed new mechanisms of stability and international organization such as the League of Nations and the United Nations, the "Bretton Woods" institutions, and European integration. The course covers topics including the impact of the Russian Revolution after 1917; the failure of victorious powers to find a workable peace settlement with Germany in 1919; the collapse of the international economy in 1929-32; the causes of World War II; the struggle for decolonization in the third world; and the dangerous nuclear confrontation of the Cold War. Finally, the course reviews some key developments in the emergence of the post-Cold War international system. Throughout the course, attention is given not only to the facts of 20th century history, but also to the myriad ways in which historians have interpreted them.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

L2005

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

University of Sussex

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

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