

HST 235 : SEXUALITY IN 20TH CENTURY EUROPE

Transcript title

Sexuality in 20th Cent Europe

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

40

Lecture hours

40

Course Description

Surveys sexual cultures, politics, identities, and practices in Europe from the waning of Victorianism to the collapse of communism, including themes of colonization, world wars, the Holocaust, the conservative postwar period, the sexual revolution, the AIDS crisis, and the rise of Islam in Europe. Provides an understanding of how gender and sexuality have changed over the course of the tumultuous twentieth century with a focus on a European context.

Course learning outcomes

1. Interpret the relationship between the past and the present, which takes into account social, cultural, political, and religious perspectives as it examines sexuality.
2. Analyze primary historical evidence of sexuality in twentieth century Europe.
3. Analyze historical arguments found in secondary sources.
4. Construct an historical argument in a written or verbal form essay.
5. Critique shared assumptions and cultural stereotypes through written and oral discussion.
6. Construct a narrative based on identified chronology about sexuality in twentieth century Europe.

Content outline

1. Fin-de-siècle libertinism
2. World War I, prostitution, social class, birth control
3. Interwar, masculine fascism as a response to open identities
4. Trans identities
5. World War II and the Holocaust: persecution of Jews and homosexuals
6. The conservative postwar period
7. The sexual revolution in Europe
8. The AIDS crisis and activism in Europe

Required materials

Textbook is required.

General education/Related instruction lists

- Cultural Literacy
- Arts and Letters