Language of Instruction: English
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Course Contact Hours: 22
Recommended Credit: 1,5 US credits; 2,5 ECTS.
Course Prerequisites: there are no prerequisites for this course.
Course Language Requirements: none

Course Description

The social impact of the Spanish Civil War on the contemporary world was bigger than any subsequent war. The fight that took place in the Spanish estate was not only between two sides: it was a battle between two concepts of human progress, between two ways of tackling the deep crisis of the 30s. It was, in Paul Preston’s words, “the great international battleground for fascism and communism”.
This was the perception of many men and women all over the world, who joined the International Brigades, and also of the greatest writers of its day who have left us some unforgettable narrations.
As in the past, the Spanish Civil war still exercises great fascination on historians, politicians and writers of the western world and specially in the Spanish state, were it is still motive of vigorous debate.
With this course students will approach the Civil War in order to understand all its significance, not only within the Spanish estate but also outside its boundaries. Students will analyze this historical episode with a variety of materials, but mainly the texts of those who took part in it. Even though more than 70 years have gone by, the lessons of the Civil War are still valid for Spain and for most modern societies and not all its wounds have sealed.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this course the students:

- Will be able to understand the conditions previous to the war and will analyze up to what extent they have been overcome.
- Will be able to recognise the central characters of the Civil War.
- Will be able to identify the main events of the war and their significance within the global episode.
- Will be able place the Spanish Civil War and its importance on the international context.

Course Workload

The students are required to read a selection of texts and participate actively in the class. Students will have to prepare short guided
commentaries on historical texts which will be briefly discussed at the beginning of each session.
Students will also have to analyze other material such as pictures or documentaries. There will be two field sessions to complete de classes.

Methods of Instruction

The course is structured in both lecture and on-site classes. Lecture classes will be conducted by the professor but students are expected to participate in a short class discussion on the readings assigned for each session or group of sessions.
The on-site classes are field studies to places relevant to the course content. The field studies are a substantial part of the course and all students are required to attend them. They will also be a substantial part of the midterm and final exam.

Method of Assessment

Text commentaries: 30%
Class participation: 30%
Final paper (and paper draft): 40%

Absence Policy

Registering in the Seminar implies attendance to all classes and field studies.
Excused absences will only be justified by an official medical report or probable family emergency. Any other reason will not justify an absence to class. The absence policy is the following:
- 1 absences: Student loses one point out of ten.
- 2 absences or more: Student receives an “Incomplete” for the course

Classroom Norms:
- No food or drink is permitted in the classrooms
- Students will have a ten-minute break during each hour session

Course Schedule

SESSION 1 MONDAY 17TH JULY
THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR, THE OPEN WOUND OF CONTEMPORARY SPAIN
   Syllabus, assessment and readings
   Introduction to the course
   The Spanish Estate Before the War: A Divided Society

SESSION 2 TUESDAY 18TH JULY MORNING
FROM COUP D’ÉTAT TO CIVIL WAR
   The military revolt and the popular resistance
   The making of a dictator
   The division and unity at the Republican side
SESSION 3 TUESDAY 18TH JULY EVENING 3-7PM

**SALAMINE’S ROUTE**
On-site classes following the path of Sanchez Maza, the eminent Spanish falangist who escaped from execution by Republicans towards the end of the war.

SESSION 4 WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY

**THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF THE CIVIL WAR**
The International Non-Intervention Agreement
Franco and the German and Italian Aid
The soviet aid to the republic
The International Brigades

SESSION 5 THURSDAY 20TH JULY

**THE WAR IS FINISHED?**
The end of the war, the beginning of dictatorship
The cost of the war
The open wounds of contemporary Spain

SESSION 6 FRIDAY 21ST JULY ALL DAY

**THE WAY TO THE EXILE**
Crossing the Pyrenees to the refugee camps

The final paper must be done before Friday 28th July.

**REQUIRED READINGS:**

- Course reading pack prepared by professor

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- ORWELL, George. 1938. *Homage to Catalonia*.

**RECOMMENDED READINGS:**


