

THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR – HIST 3392

FALL 2020 - YORK UNIVERSITY

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This **online course** will focus on the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939), exploring the national and international socio-political factors that shaped it. The course is roughly divided into three main sections: the events preceding and/or leading up to the conflict, including the Primo de Rivera Dictatorship; the course of the war, which will pay particular attention to the different historical actors and groups that participated in the conflict; and the historical memory, which will discuss how the Spanish Civil War is remembered and why. We will further explore these themes through readings, images, and films, and discuss them on a regular basis through short weekly assignments.

DELIVERY OF COURSE CONTENT

These guidelines are tentative, but any changes are expected to be minor.

The course will be delivered online through **pre-recorded lectures**. The lectures will amount to approximately an hour per week and will be split into **three short videos** of roughly 20 minutes each. These videos will be posted on the course Moodle site and will be available for you to access each week.

Unless stated differently, every week students will be given a **source to discuss** in 1 to 2 pages (400-600 words) due the following week. These weekly assignments will be used to measure attendance and participation. Indications on how to discuss a source will be posted on the Moodle site as 'How To' 10-minute videos on Week 1.

A video might include one **quiz question** half-way through it. If so, students must include their brief answer (100 words) to that question when submitting their weekly discussion. The answer must be under a separate section entitled "Quiz Question".

This section must include both the question and the answer.

At the end of the semester, students will have to submit a **final presentation** (10-15 minutes) **OR essay** (2,500-3,500 words) on one aspect of the Spanish Civil War that has not been discussed in the video lectures or that has been approached differently.

COURSE MATERIALS

This course will use the following materials:

- **Pre-recorded video lectures** containing power point presentations. The pptx presentations will also be uploaded separately on the Moodle site
- **Journal articles and book chapters** linked as JSTOR downloadable .pdf documents in the power points uploaded on the Moodle site. You will need your York University student account information to access the links leading to the JSTOR site.
- **Images** available in the power points uploaded on the Moodle site
- **Films** available through links shared on the uploaded power points allowing access to YouTube and other sites

ASSIGNMENTS

Weekly Discussion Papers: 60% (6% per paper)

Quiz Questions: 10%

Final Presentation OR Essay: 30%

OFFICE HOURS

To request and schedule a meeting, students must contact their course director via email. Meetings will take place exclusively via **Zoom or Skype**.