History 435 The French Revolution and Napoleonic Europe  
Professor Emily Gilkey  
6/23—7/20  
10-11:50 Monday-Thursday  
301 Gerlinger

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Description  
This course surveys the transition from the Old Regime to the Modern Age in Europe from 1789-1815. The focus of the course will be the culture of politics, including the practices of modern democracy, nationalism, imperialism, authoritarianism and the language of human rights took root during this time, as well as the means of resistance to these ideologies. Political and military history will provide the guiding narrative of the course, but themes of gender and cultural history will also be introduced.

Evaluation  
Midterm Exam (30%)  
Final exam (40%)  
Review of historical monograph (paper) (30%)

Participation in class discussion may contribute to an improved course grade in certain cases. Significant improvement in performance will also be considered in assessing the final grade.

Required Reading  
Philip Dwyer and Peter McPhee, The French Revolution and Napoleon: A Sourcebook ($7.66-$34 on Amazon)

Blackboard Readings

Course Outline:  
Week 1:  
Monday June 23 Overview of 18th century Europe: Social Orders, War  
Readings:  
Tuesday June 24 Enlightenment  
Wednesday June 25 Challenging the Ancien Régime: Financial Crisis and the Estates General  
Thursday June 26 Creating a New France: Bastille and Beyond

Week 2:  
Monday June 30 Failure of the Constitutional Government – King on Trial/ Death of Monarchy  
Tuesday July 1 The Republic in Danger and the Rationale for Terror
Wednesday July 2 Factionalism and Radicalization/CPS
Thursday July 3 MIDTERM

**Week 3:**
Monday July 7 The Haitian Revolution: Questions of Human Rights and Liberty
Tuesday July 8 The Directory
Wednesday July 9 The Rise of Bonaparte: Egypt/ Italy/ Coup of Brumaire
Thursday July 10 Napoleon’s political system, 1804-12

**Week 4:**
Monday July 14 The continental system and the Peninsular war 1806-13
Tuesday July 15 Glory and Disaster: From Moscow to Waterloo
Wednesday July 16 The Congress of Vienna and the aftermath of war
Thursday July 17 FINAL EXAM