

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY  
CANTON, NEW YORK**



**COURSE OUTLINE**

**HIST 315 – CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND REVOLUTION IN  
TWENTIETH-CENTURY EUROPE**

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A. **TITLE:** Children, Youth, and Revolution in Twentieth-Century Europe

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** HIST 315

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** No

E. **COURSE LENGTH:** 15 weeks

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall and/or Spring

G. **HOURS OF LECTURE:** 3 lecture hours per week

H. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

This course examines the ways in which children and youth experienced the major conflicts, and the political, cultural, and social revolutions of twentieth-century Europe; the place of children and youth within the political ideologies of the century; the development of generational conflict and youth culture; and shifting definitions of children and childhood in the face of conflict and revolutionary change.

I. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**

a. Pre-requisite(s): 30 credit hours, ENGL 101, or permission of instructor

b. Co-requisite(s): none

J. **GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES):**

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

<b><i>Course Objective</i></b>	<b><i>Institutional SLO</i></b>
a. Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of totalitarianism on the lives of children and youth in twentieth-century Europe	<b>2. Critical Thinking:</b> Critical Analysis, Inquiry and Analysis
b. Analyze the impact of the major armed conflicts of twentieth-century Europe on families, children, and youth	<b>2. Critical Thinking:</b> Critical Analysis, Inquiry and Analysis <b>4. Social Responsibility:</b> Ethical Reasoning
c. Demonstrate an understanding of children, youth, and childhood as social and cultural constructs, dependent on time and place	<b>2. Critical Thinking:</b> Critical Analysis, Inquiry and Analysis
d. Identify the characteristics of European youth cultures	<b>2. Critical Thinking:</b> Critical Analysis
e. Analyze the relationship between the child, the state, and supranational organizations in Europe in the twentieth century	<b>2. Critical Thinking:</b> Critical Analysis, Inquiry and Analysis <b>4. Social Responsibility:</b> Ethical Reasoning, Global Learning
f. Evaluate and analyze primary and secondary sources to examine the relationship between history and memory	<b>1. Communication Skills:</b> Written

**K. TEXTS:** To be determined by instructor

**L. REFERENCES:**

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M. **EQUIPMENT:** Technology enhanced classroom

N. **GRADING METHOD:** A-F

N. **MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Papers
- Participation
- Projects

P. **DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:**

- I. Introduction
  - A. What is the history of childhood?
  - B. History and Memory
  - C. European Children and Families on the Eve of WWI
- II. The Great War and Russian Revolution
  - A. WWI: Mobilization of children and childhood
  - B. WWI: Experiencing war on the home front
  - C. WWI: Orphans and the state
  - D. Children and the Russian Revolution
- III. International Child Saving in the Wake of WWI
  - A. Eglantyne Jebb and Save the Children
  - B. The League of Nations and Children's Rights
- IV. Fascism, Communism, Children, and Youth in the 1930s and 1940s
  - A. Fascist Ideology, Family Policy, and Children in Italy
  - B. Fascist Ideology, Family Policy, and Children in Germany
  - C. Children and the Spanish Civil War
  - D. Political Mobilization of Youth in the 1930s and 1940s
- V. World War II
  - A. Hitler Youth and Nazi Childhood

- B. Children and Youth in Vichy France
  - C. Soviet Children and the Great Patriotic War
  - D. Children and Youth in Britain
  - E. Jewish Children and the Holocaust
- VI. Reuniting Families in the Aftermath of War
- A. Child-finding
  - B. The United Nations and UNICEF
  - C. War Refugees and Resettlement
- VII. Youth and Postwar Renewal
- A. Youth in Rebuilding Efforts
  - B. Symbolic Youth
  - C. Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice Systems
- VIII. Children, Youth, and the Cold War
- A. “Western” Childhood
  - B. Children in the Communist Family
  - C. Young Pioneers
- IX. Generational Conflict: Youth Cultures and Subcultures in the Postwar Period
- A. 1950s and Americanization
  - B. Beatlemania
  - C. 1968
  - D. Anarchy in the UK: Punk Rock and Youth Rebellion
- X. Childhood, Ethnicity, and Race in Twentieth-Century Europe
- A. Black Occupation Children in Postwar Germany
  - B. Colonial Children in the Metropole
- XI. Youth, Revolution, and the Fall of Communism
- A. Childhood & Youth in a Divided Germany
  - B. Youth, Politics, and the Fall of the Wall
  - C. Children and Youth after the Fall
- XII. Children without Borders
- A. Children, Youth, and the Breakup of Yugoslavia
  - B. Children, Youth, and the European Union
  - C. Child Refugees in Europe in the Late Twentieth Century
  - D. The 1989 U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and Children’s Rights