

Humanities 515 (Spring 2004)

The Twentieth-Century, 1945-1999: An Interdisciplinary Introduction

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:40 to 11:00, in PCAC A218

Sections: A and B meet Thursday 2:10 to 3:00, C and D meet Thursday 11:10 to 12:00

All students must enroll in one of the four sections and attend it regularly.

Section 515A (Art History): Professor Emison. Meets in PCAC A205 (Thursday at 2:00) and satisfies the General Education category 6 requirement.

Section 515B (Literature): Professor Ferber. Meets in PCAC M316 (Thursday at 2:00) and satisfies Gen Ed category 8.

Section 515C (History): Professor Stiefel. Meets in HS 218 (Thursday at 11:10) and satisfies Gen Ed category 4.

Section 515D (Philosophy): Professor Hiley. Meets in Parsons 200 (Thursday at 11:10) and satisfies Gen Ed category 7.

Half the **grade** for this course will depend on the three tests (given in the lecture room) and half will depend on the work assigned in section (e.g., papers, quizzes, regular attendance, etc., as the professor chooses).

Books

The following are available at the Durham Book Exchange:

1. Hannah Arendt, *Totalitarianism*
2. Albert Camus, *The Rebel*
3. Samuel Beckett, *Endgame*
4. E. O. Wilson, *The Future of Life*
5. Francis Fukuyama, *Our Post-Human Future*
6. Tony Kushner, *Angels in America*
7. Julian Barnes, *A History of the World in 10 1/2 Chapters*

There is also a **Reader** on sale at the MUB Copy Center.

Schedule

Part One: The Post-War World: Totalitarianism, Rebellion, and Freedom

Tues 20 Jan Introduction (Ferber)

Thur 22 Jan Arendt on Totalitarianism (Hiley)

Tues 27 Jan

Thur 29 Jan Camus on Rebellion (Stiefel)

Tues 3 Feb

Thur 5 Feb Beckett and the Absurd (Ferber)

Tues 10 Feb

Thur 12 Feb The New York Art Scene and Abstract Expressionism (Emison)

Tues 17 Feb

Thur 19 Feb Test 1

Part Two: Scientific and Technological Revolutions

Tues 24 Feb Wilson on the Future of Life (Stiefel)

Thur 26 Feb

Tues 2 Mar Fukuyama on the “Post-Human” Future (Hiley)

Thur 4 Mar

Tues 9 Mar Saussure, Chomsky, and the Revolution in Linguistics (Ferber)

Thur 11 Mar

Spring Break

Tues 23 Mar Chomsky (cont.)

Thur 25 Mar Pop Art and the Question of Authenticity (Emison)

Tues 30 Mar

Thur 1 April

Tues 6 April Test 2

Part Three: The Post-Modern World

Thur 8 April Foucault on power and paradigms (Hiley)

Tues 13 April

Thur 15 April Kushner on AIDS and the Gay Revolution (Stiefel)

Tues 20 April

Thur 22 April

Tues 27 April The End of Modernism in Art (Emison)

Thur 29 April

Tues 4 May Summing It All Up with Julian Barnes (Ferber)

Thur 6 May

Thur 13 May 8:00 to 10:00 Test 3