



Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic Year	2023/2024	Semester	Summer
Study Program	Undergraduate	Specialization / Major in	History, Sociology, Communication Sciences, Psychology
		Year of Study	1,2,3

I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name	World War I		
Abbreviation	WWI	Code	
Status	Elective	ECTS	6
Prerequisites	None		
<i>Total Course Workload</i>			
Teaching Mode	Total Hours	Teaching Mode	Total Hours
Lectures	30	Seminars	15
Class Time and Place	Catholic University of Croatia, according to the published schedule		

II. TEACHING STAFF

Course Holder

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III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Teaching Language	English
Course Description	World War I was a global war from 1914 to 1918 on the land, at sea, and in the air among many countries on several continents. At the same time, it was the first total war involving millions of soldiers on the battlefields and millions of civilians in the war economy. Many Croats also participated, suffered, and were killed at war. In the hell of terrible collisions, the world order that had existed for many decades before the outbreak of war collapsed. Some old empires ceased to live, and many new states were established. Europe was slowly losing its leading role, and the United States emerged as a global power for the first time. Centuries-long Habsburg rule disappeared, and the Croatian lands entered the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, later the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. It resulted from the idea of South Slavic unification on the one hand and the price for avoiding the division of Croatian lands after the dissolution of Austria-Hungary on the other.

The course aims to acquaint students with general features, problems, and processes in Croatia, Europe, and the rest of the world during the Great War in a comparative perspective from inside and outside, from above and below. In a series of lectures and seminars, students will analyze international relations before the war, evaluate the origins of global catastrophe, and discuss the polarization of Europe before the conflict.

Furthermore, they will acquire problem-oriented knowledge about the beginning, significant events, and the end of the war by comparing the stalemate and slaughter in the trenches with the growing challenges and impacts at the Home Front. Special attention will be devoted to considering details from the Croatian history of that time. Finally, the students will gain insight into the consequences of the First World War and the widening tensions after the global, European, and Croatian peace settlement.

Expected Educational Outcomes	- identify the complex nature of the origins of war
	- compare the significant events in Croatia with those in the rest of the world
	- present comments and questions
	- analyze examples from sources and literature
	- evaluate the consequences of war
	- write a structured seminar paper

Textbooks and Materials

Required Stevenson, David, *1914-1918: The History of the First World War*, London: Allen Lane, 2004; Clark, Christopher, *The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went to War in 1914*, London: Penguin Books, 2013;

Supplementary Gerwarth, Robert, *The Vanquished: Why the First World War Failed to End, 1917-1923*, London: Allen Lane, 2016; Mombauer, Annika, *The Origins of the First World War: Controversies and Consensus*, London: Taylor & Francis, 2002; Rauchensteiner, Manfred, *The First World War and the End of the Habsburg Monarchy*, Wien-Köln-Weimar: Bohlau Verlag, 2014; Stevenson, David, *The Outbreak of the First World War: 1914 in Perspective*, London: Macmillan Press, 1997.

Examination and Grading

To Be Passed	Yes	Exclusively Continuous Assessment	No	Included in Average Grade	Yes
Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam		Regular attendance of classes – attendance at least 70% of classes according to the study program and implementation curriculum			
		Properly completed seminar obligations – prepared and held presentation and accepted written version of the seminar paper			
		Obtaining a minimum success rate of 35% during classes within the given teaching activities – achieved cumulatively			
Examination Manner		Teaching activities - seminar obligations; 1st colloquium (written) and 2nd colloquium (written)			
		Final exam (oral)			

Grading Manner The numerical scale for evaluating student work is:
 insufficient (1) – 0 to 49.9%
 sufficient (2) – 50 to 64.9%
 good (3) – 65 to 79.9%
 very good (4) – 80 to 89.9%
 excellent (5) – 90 to 100%

Way of obtaining the grade:

- a) **Teaching activities** – 70% of the grade
 - 1) seminar obligations – 20%
 - 2) 1st colloquium – 25%
 - 3) 2nd colloquium – 25%
- b) **Final exam** – 30% of the grade
 - Oral exam – 30% (to pass it is necessary to solve 50% of the exam)

Detailed
Overview of
Grading within
ECTS

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	ECTS - student load coefficient	GRADE SHARE (%)
Attending class	1.125	0
Seminar obligations	0.975	20
First colloquium	1.21	25
Second colloquium	1.21	25
Total during class	4.52	70
Final exam	1.48	30
TOTAL ECTS	6	100

Midterm Exam Dates

1. colloquium: 8th teaching week; 2. colloquium: 13th teaching week

Final Exam Dates

According to the published schedule

IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Lectures

Week	Topic
1.	International relations before the war
2.	Reflections on the origins of global catastrophe
3.	Europe and the world in the Great War, 1914-1916
4.	Global and total war: Slaughter in the trenches
5.	Global and total war: Blood in the air
6.	Global and total war: Battles at the sea
7.	The road to the Russian Revolution
8.	FIRST COLLOQUIUM
9.	Croatia in the Great War, 1914-1916
10.	Croatia in the Great War, 1917-1918

11.	Between two eagles: Austria-Hungary and Yugoslavia
12.	SECOND COLLOQUIUM
13.	Europe and the world in the Great War, 1917-1918
14.	The Armistice of 1918: Victory and defeat
15.	The Vanquished: Why the First World War failed to end

Seminars

Week	Topic
1.	Introduction
2.	Serbian Ghosts
3.	The Empire without Qualities
4.	The Polarization of Europe, 1887-1907
5.	The Many Voices of European Foreign Policy
6.	Balkan Entanglements
7.	Last Chances: Détente and Danger, 1912-1914
8.	FIRST COLLOQUIUM
9.	Murder in Sarajevo
10.	The Widening Circle
11.	The French in St Petersburg
12.	SECOND COLLOQUIUM
13.	The Ultimatum
14.	Warning Shots
15.	Last Days