



# HIST 4803-880: World War II - Europe in Crisis

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The Second World War resulted in the death of more than sixty million people and reshaped the course of history. While many Americans are familiar with the United States' role in the war, it was a European crisis that led to the war's outbreak, and Europe remained the primary field of destruction. This course will use primary and secondary sources to explore various aspects of the European dimensions of the war, including its origins, its political and military developments, and especially, its impact in social and cultural life. We will also read a number of first-hand accounts by civilians, soldiers, and survivors, allowing us a view of the war from the ground up. Along the way, we will engage with different modes of historical analysis, providing a glimpse into the different ways that historians approach history.