

HI 254 : Ordinary People and War: Germany, 1900 to Present

Germany was at the center of the three most destructive wars in history: World War I, World War II, and the Cold War. This course will cover the history of Germany over those times as seen through the eyes of common people: German students on the front in World War I, a small German town experiencing the takeover by the Nazis from the late 1920s to the end of World War II, a sister and brother determined to resist the Nazis, and men and women in Communist East Germany betrayed to the secret police by their friends and even their spouses. We will also examine how Germany responded to its defeat and occupation, and how nationalist movements are rising again in Germany.

Credits 4.0