This course will provide an introduction to German history in the first half of the 20th century: World War I, the impact of total war and revolution, the problematic modernity of the Weimar Republic, the rise of National Socialism, the path to World War II, the meaning of the Holocaust, and the division of the country after 1945. We will also examine the key historiographical debates over the course of German history. Course requirements will include numerous quizzes, a short critical paper, midterm and final exam.