

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: THE RISE AND DOWNFALL OF NAZI GERMANY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6012HIST** (114602)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 62

**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 178

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	14
Workshop	48

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2000 word Essay	50	
Report	AS2	2000 word Document Case Study	50	

### Aims

1. To examine the history of Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945.
2. To examine a wide range of secondary and primary source material related to the key issues in the history of Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945.
3. To critically evaluate and interpret historiographical debates surrounding the study of the cultural, social, economic, racial and political aspects of Nazi Germany.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate in-depth knowledge together with a critical approach to the nature of the Nazi state and its impact on German politics, culture society and economy.
- 2 Critically evaluate and interpret primary sources on various aspects of the history of Nazi Germany.
- 3 Demonstrate specialist knowledge of the various historiographical debates related Nazi policies in the period 1933 to 1945.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

AS1 Essay 2000 words	1	3
AS2 Document Case Study	2	

## Outline Syllabus

*Adolf Hitler: early life, ideology and rise to power.*

*The Nazi State, Society and the economy: An introduction to the historiographical debate.*

*The Myth and Reality of the Hitler State: the role of the Fuhrer, central government, and the party.*

*The SS-Gestapo Police State apparatus.*

*Life inside Nazi Germany: the role of propaganda; film, women; youth; the workers; the family; education; the church.*

*Opposition and resistance inside Nazi Germany-with particular emphasis on the Valkyrie bomb plot of 1944 and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose group.*

*Economic groups: big business, private enterprise and agricultural groups.*

*Nazi Germany at war: the key military campaigns and the impact of war on the home front*

*Racial Policy-including an examination of policies of euthanasia and against minority groups*

*Anti Semitic Policy and the road to Auschwitz: Anti Jewish Persecution 1933-39.*

*The Holocaust: origins; development and 'Final Solution': The competing explanations of the Holocaust.*

*The Downfall of the Third Reich: Why did the regime collapse in 1945 and the lessons of The Third Reich*

## Learning Activities

This module uses a mix of formal and interactive lectures together with workshops assessing both primary and secondary sources, including film and eyewitness testimony.

## Notes

The Nazi Party led by Adolf Hitler started as little more than a gang of extremists and thugs and yet after rising to power in 1933 Germany was transformed under Hitler's leadership into a one party state that led one of Europe's most advanced industrial states into war, genocide and ruin. This module explains how and why this happened. The focus is primarily on life inside the Third Reich. The reasons why Hitler came to power are analysed. The nature of the Nazi State is explored. The role of the terror organisations- the Gestapo and SS are examined. The propaganda and cultural life the Third Reich is evaluated as well as the relationship between the Nazi regime and big business and the roles of the working classes, youth and women. The standard of living of the German people is discussed. The module also deals in depth with the racial policy of the Third Reich and with Opposition groups. There is a detailed exploration of the persecution of the Jews which led to the 'Final Solution' and Germany's role in the Second World War.