



Syllabus

HIS 122 Modern World History

General Information

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Course Prefix HIS

Course Number 122

Course Title Modern World History

Course Information

Catalog Description A survey of modern world history since 1500, with particular emphasis on the histories, cultures, religions, ideologies and geography of the Middle East, China, Africa and other global regions. Significant attention will be given to the frequent, and consequential, interactions between Western and non-Western civilizations during the Age of Imperialism, World Wars I and II, the Cold War and the era of decolonization.

Credit Hours 3

Lecture Contact Hours 3

Lab Contact Hours 0

Other Contact Hours 0

Grading Scheme Letter

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course **DOES NOT** satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

Other World Civilizations

FLCC Values

Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Vitality, Inquiry, and Interconnectedness

Course Learning Outcomes

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1. Students will identify the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, geography and/or culture of at least one non-Western civilization in the modern era.
2. Students will identify some of the major events and themes of modern world history.
3. Students will examine the frequent, and consequential, interactions between Western and non-Western civilizations during the Age of Imperialism, World Wars I and II, the Cold War and/or the era of decolonization.

Outline of Topics Covered

1500-1800

New Encounters & European Exploration

- **The Age of Global Exploration**
 - **Aztec & Inca Empires**
 - **The Columbian Exchange**
 - **Portuguese and Spanish Empires**
 - **The British, French & Dutch Colonialism**
- **Africa & the Slave Trade**

Europe Enters the Modern Age

- Renaissance, Reformation & Scientific Revolution
- Absolutism & Constitutionalism
- The Scientific Revolution & Enlightenment
- The French Revolution & the Age of Napoleon

The Muslim Empires

- Ottoman Empire & Islam
- The Safavid Empire (Persia)
- The Mughal Empire (India)

The East Asian World

- Southeast Asia: Indonesia & Malaysia
- Introduction to Confucianism
- The Collapse of the Ming Dynasty
- The Qing Dynasty (Manchurians)
- Japan – From Civil War to the Tokugawa Shogun
- Korea – Under the Chinese Shadow

1800-1945

19th century Atlantic World

- American Revolution
- Wars for Independence in Latin America

Industrialization & Nationalism in 19th Century

- Global Impact of the Industrial Revolution
- Nation-Building in Europe & the Western Hemisphere
- Russia Under the Czars

"New Imperialism" in Southeast Asia, India, Africa

- Motivations & Means
- The Raj & the Development of India
- French Indochina
- The Scramble for Africa
- South Africa: The Boer War & Creation of Apartheid System

The Fall of China & Rise of Japan

- Qing Collapse
- Opium War & the Boxer Rebellion
- Japan – Westernization & the Meiji Restoration

First World War, 1914-18

- Short-Term & Long-Range Causes
- Trench Warfare & the Western Front
- The Eastern Front & Peripheral Theaters (Africa & the Middle East)
- Lenin, the Bolshevik Revolution & Communist Ideology
- Paris Peace Treaties , Mandates & the Postwar World Settlement

Nationalism, Revolution & Dictatorship in the Interwar Period

- India: Gandhi & Nehru, Muslims & Hindus
- Ottoman Collapse & the Creation of the Modern Middle East
- Chiang, Mao & the Emergence of Communist China
- Imperial Japan
- Nazi Germany & Fascist Italy
- Stalinist Russia

Second World War: Global Perspective

- Revisionism & Road to World War II
- Spanish Civil War
- War in the West, 1939-45
- The Holocaust
- Eastern Front, 1941-45
- Pacific War, 1941-45
- Hiroshima & the Birth of the Atomic Age
- Tehran, Yalta, Potsdam & Wartime Diplomacy

The Cold War & a Bipolar World

- The Iron Curtain & Emergence of the Soviet Bloc
- NATO, Warsaw Pact & the U.N.
- From Stalin to Brezhnev Era
- East Asia in Transition, 1950-1976
 - Mao's China
 - The Korean War
 - Vietnam War
- Decolonization and Independence in India, Africa, and Middle East

Post-Cold War World

- Collapse of the Soviet Bloc
- Arab-Israeli Conflict, Arab Nationalism and the Transformation of the Islamic World
- Global Interdependence in the Modern Era

Program Affiliation

This course is not required as a core course in any programs.