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General Syllabus

HIST 3303 Twentieth Century Europe

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: None

Effective Catalog: 2019-20

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

European history in the twentieth century.

B. Additional Information

European history from 1900 to 2000 focusing on the major national powers, their interactions in both peace and war, important cultural political, social, and economic trends throughout the period, and major events and personalities.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Differentiate the major powers of Europe during each critical period of the 20th Century.
2. Examine the key political and cultural figures in the development of those nations.
3. Discuss the ways in which European nations developed diverse economic, political, and social structures.
4. Discuss the important differences between the major powers that led to conflict.
5. Examine the development of social institutions, economic philosophy, and new forms of governments in each nation.
6. Interpret the reasons why national experiences in Europe have left an impact on the world.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will demonstrate how ethnic and cultural issues divided European nations, both on the continent and overseas. The class will also require students to describe the impact of colonization and imperialism on Europe and other parts of the world.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will make oral presentations or responses. Students will also demonstrate mastery of course material through essay examinations and/or research papers.

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will analyze political, economic, cultural and military issues, and how European nations dealt with the problems these issues raised. Students will demonstrate their analytical skills by utilizing their analysis of these issues in examinations, research papers and/or class discussions.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The imperial nature of Europe in 1900
- B. Nationalistic competition among the powers of Europe
- C. The rise of socialistic philosophy
- D. Immediate causes of World War I
- E. The course of World War I
- F. The impact of the Treaty of Versailles
- G. Rise of fascism and communism
- H. Economic and political impact of the worldwide depression of the 1930s
- I. Immediate causes of World War II
- J. The course of World War II in Europe
- K. Conflict over the settlement of World War II
- L. Cold War impact on European society
- M. NATO vs. Warsaw Pact
- N. European economic resurgence
- O. Efforts to secure European unity