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General Syllabus

HIST 11203 Civilizations of the World Since 1500

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An introduction to the major civilizations of the world since 1500. (ACTS: HIST 1123)

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Differentiate the major world civilizations since 1500.
2. Identify the key political and cultural figures in the development of modern nations.
3. Describe the ways in which nations developed diverse economic, political, and social structures.
4. Describe the important differences between the major powers that led to conflict.
5. Describe the development of social institutions, economic philosophy, and new forms of governments in each nation.
6. Interpret the reasons why nationalism within varied nations has 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 reflect upon how ethnic and cultural issues divided major nations around the globe. Students will describe the impact of colonization and imperialism on various parts of the world and the cultures.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will participate in classroom lecture/discussion and written assignments.

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will analyze political, economic, cultural and military issues and how world nations dealt with the problems these issues raised.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The rise of nationalism in Europe
- B. Nationalistic competition among the powers of Europe
- C. The rise of capitalistic and socialistic philosophy
- D. Competition for American and Asian empires
- E. The Age of kings
- F. The Enlightenment
- G. Impact of the industrial revolution
- H. Social reforms of the 19th century
- I. Imperialism and the First World War
- J. Rise of fascism and communism
- K. Economic and political impact of the world wide depression of the 1930s
- L. Immediate causes of World War II
- M. The course of World War II in Europe and Asia
- N. Cold War
- O. European economic resurgence
- P. Efforts to secure European unity

