

DEPARTMENT Humanities and Social Sciences

COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2025

HI3670(A3, VC): The Second World War – 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

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We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course surveys the global history of the Second World War including causes, outcomes and the social memory of the war. Selected aspects of its military, political, social and economic effects of the war will be examined.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Materials for the course are available on myClass and online as open educational resources.

DELIVERY MODE(S): On-Campus and Synchronous

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Students will be able to recall a timeline of the Second World War, identify and explain the causal factors and other significant details for each, and use this information to participate in class discussions and answer questions on tests and examinations.
- Students will be able to employ their recollection of the Second World War to interpret causes and likely results of events and discuss these ideas in class and online forums.

- Students will be able to analyze historical work and recognize issues within it and discuss these ideas in class and online forums.
- Students will be able to formulate appropriate research questions; identify, select, and investigate appropriate sources; interpret the resulting information; and present it in an appropriate format.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca>.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

Grade Component	Value	Notes
Learning Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plickers Exercises – 2% each • Quizzes – 2% each • Timed Tests – 5% each • Collaborative Content Questions – 1.5% each • Historical Claims – 5% each • Discussion Forum Posts – up to 3% each 	25%	Students can complete a range of activities to earn this portion of the grade. This section rewards students for completing additional learning activities.
Topic Infographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 on specific topics (10% each) 	20%	Students will select two weeks and research and create an infographic for a specific topic related to the theme of the week. These infographics may relate to the student's research project topic
Research Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal – 5% • Project – 25% 	30%	This will be completed in two steps over the term. The question for inquiry and final form provide flexibility for student direction. This submitted work will be evaluated by Turnitin software within myClass.
Final Exam	25%	This will be scheduled by the registrar. You will have the option of a timed in-person exam or a take-home exam.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

This timetable is tentative. It will likely change to reflect student responses and questions.

Week of	Topic	Big Questions	Activities/Exercises
January 6	Welcome and Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do we know about the Second World War 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeline building Big Idea lists
January 13	Legacy of WWI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the World in 1919 How the First World War set up the second 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infographic Sign Up
January 20	Appeasement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The escalating conflicts The state of France and Britain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal Due January 25
January 27	Blitzkrieg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The myth and reality of Blitzkrieg 	
February 3	Aerial Warfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of aircraft The Battle of Britain as the first “air battle” 	
February 10	Armoured Warfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of tanks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test #1 Criteria for assessing tanks

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eastern Front and Africa 	
February 17, 21 – Winter Break – No Classes			
February 24	The Pacific and Aircraft Carriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battleships versus carriers The attack on Pearl Harbour The Japanese position in 1941 	
March 3	Mobilizing the Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How were civilians managed during the war? How were economies mobilized? 	
March 10	The Bomber Offensive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measuring efficacy Morality in the war 	
March 17	Allied Offensives in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How much is the Soviet Union’s contribution undervalued? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test #2 opens
March 24	Allied Offensives in Asia-Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Island-Hopping Japan’s strategic challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project Due March 28
March 31	Surrender and the Aftermath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the atom bomb How was surrender handled? 	
April 7	Legacy of the War and Exam Preparation		
Final Exam (to be scheduled by the Registrar within the exam period)			

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- General
 - Take as much as you can from this course. Your instructor and classmates will provide you with opportunities to reflect on what you know and believe and to learn new things, but

learning does not have to and should not take place just during class time. Pursue questions, chase ideas down online rabbit holes and see where they take you. These facts and ideas can only enrich your understanding and your coursework.

- Remember that this is just a course on a particular subject. Your performance in the course is not a measure of anything more than your ability to learn the history of piracy and complete the assessments. Submitting work late or not doing as well as you would like on an assessment is not a measure of you as a person. You are a learner and that means making mistakes. As long as you are trying your best to get as much as you can from the course (and this may depend on your personal circumstances), you have nothing to apologize for.
- Time Management and Coursework
 - Students are expected to commit the required time to complete this course. Please plan accordingly. Some flexibility will be provided around due dates, but you need to consult with your instructor.
 - Regular attendance or review is important to success in HI3670 as is particular attention to online content on myClass.
 - Respectful participation in course discussions contributes to your understanding and participation in myClass forums contributes to your myClass activities grade.
 - All assignments must follow the requirements laid out on myClass and discussed in class. Topics must be approved by the instructor unless specified otherwise on myClass.
 - All assignments must be original work for this course. Work previously submitted for other courses will not be accepted in this course. Students found to have submitted previous work will receive a 0% for the assignment.
 - All written assignments must be word-processed. It is particularly important to save a copy of any written work handed in for credit or grading.
 - All assignments must be submitted electronically via myClass. This procedure will be demonstrated in class.
 - All research assignments are to be submitted electronically within 48 hours of the deadline to provide some flexibility. Work submitted after this grace period will be assessed at a

diminishing value of 5% for every 24 hour period or part thereof to a minimum value of 70% of the grade. **Because the research assignments are in stages, earlier stages may not be submitted after the due date for the next stage without instructor permission. If you find yourself struggling, reach out to your instructor.**

- Students will be assessed on their research, synthesis and writing in the course assignments. The presentation of information in terms of organization and writing will be given substantial weight in grading along with the research and analysis. Referencing in Chicago Notes-Bibliography or APA style is a requirement for course assignments
- In cases where submitted work exhibits concerning patterns or raises questions for the instructor about its creation and the student's intellectual effort involved, students may be required to submit to an oral examination regarding the work at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to participate in the oral examination will result in an assigned grade of 0 for the assessment. If, following the oral examination, the instructor still has concerns about the work, the academic misconduct provisions of the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy (linked below) may be applied. Students whose work has raised concerns will not be permitted to complete the take-home final exam.

Students in the VC (Videoconference section)

- This course includes a videoconference section. Students registered in the videoconference section are able to attend lectures and complete all course components without attendance on campus.
- Students are required to have a stable internet connection sufficient to meet the class requirements.
- Where disruptions or other technological issues occur with institutional or instructor systems on campus or elsewhere, instructors will ensure that appropriate accommodations are made for videoconference students.
- Some videoconference courses may require students to incur reasonable costs for proctoring and other services essential to maintaining the academic integrity of the course. Instructors should design their course to minimize the financial burden on students and are required to submit cost estimates to the responsible department chairperson for approval prior to the start of the course.
- This course has the requirements listed below for videoconference students. Failure to meet these requirements may affect attendance and participation grades or result in a grade

of zero for supervised assessments (for example tests, exams, or in-class writing assignments).

o Videoconference Student Requirements

Technology (eg. webcam, microphone, speakers)	Students require a computer or tablet with a camera, microphone, speakers, and ability to type to fully participate in class.
Class Participation (eg. camera on during class, appropriate screen name)	Students require an appropriate screen name which identifies them to the instructor. They are encouraged to have their cameras on during class but it is not required because of the class recordings.
Test/Exam Supervision (eg. independent proctor, dual camera setup)	Timed, proctored assessments are not available to students in the VC sections of the course. Alternative assessments should be completed.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.