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FALL TERM

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SOCIAL SCIENCE 130

THE GROWTH OF THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

TEXT: Our Western Heritage (1981)

Description

This course will describe and analyze the major events in 20th century western history. It will begin with the background to those events in the highly competitive nation state system of the late 19th century. It will end by exploring the degree to which a new perspective of global interdependence is beginning to emerge in the late 20th century.

UNIT	CONCEPT	ISSUE
1. BACKGROUND OF WW I		
	- 1912 century nationalism - balance of power - militarism - alliances - nationalism - imperialism	Was W.W. 1 inevitable?
2. WORLD WAR I and VERSAILLES TREATY		
	- main strategies - main stages of war - challenge of a secure peace	What are the necessary conditions for a peace treaty to be effective?

3. CAPITALISM AND THE IMPACT OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION

- capitalist theory: laissez-faire
- Keynesian Economics and the New Deal
- Left and Right

How was the original form of capitalism changed by the economic crisis of 1930's?

4. THE EMERGENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION

- Marxism
- Marxist-Leninism
- October Revolution
- Stalin's 5 Year Plan

How did Lenin and Stalin change Marxism and why?

5. THE RISE OF FASCISM

- elements of dictatorship
- totalitarianism
- fascism
- Nazism

What conditions caused this rejection of democracy?

6. THE CAUSES AND COURSE OF WORLD WAR II

- collective security
- appeasement
- major stages of the war
- holocaust

How clear are the lessons about preventing aggression which can be drawn from this period?

7. ORIGIN OF COLD WAR BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS

- competing ideologies
- spheres of influence
- containment
- direct and indirect confrontation

What factors shaped the Cold War?

8. DECOLONIZATION AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE THIRD WORLD

- case studies: India & Africa
- revolutions of rising expectations
- the call for N.I.E.O.

What do the former imperialists owe to the Third World and what can they learn?

9. THE GROWTH OF INTERNATIONALISM

- aims and structure of of the United Nations - peace-keeping - international agreements on the environment	Has internationalism replaced nationalism?

10. THE 'END' OF THE COLD WAR AND THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW EUROPE AND OTHER CENTRES OF GLOBAL POWER.

- detente and perestroika - supranationalism-Europe - Japan & the Pacific Rim	Have we moved to a post-Cold War world?

EVALUATION

The grade for this course is based on KNOWLEDGE, SKILL and ATTITUDE objectives. Knowledge objectives will require the student to demonstrate mastery of information (facts, concepts, generalizations) presented in each unit. This will occur primarily through short answer tests. Skill objectives will involve a term paper on a relevant social studies topic approved by the instructor. Attitude objectives will require regular attendance and constructive participation in all class activity related to the course

MARKING SUMMARY

There are 10 units in the course of approximately 6 days each. Each unit will contain a test. Each unit test will count for 6% of the final course mark. The term paper counts for 20%. The final exam counts for 20% of the final course mark.

10 exams (1 per unit)	60%
1 term paper	20%
Final exam	20%
	100%

SPECIAL NOTE

Due to the special nature of Social Science courses with discussion groups, the exchange of personal viewpoints, class projects, etc. - unexcused absence from 20% or more of classes without prior permission of the instructor will result in a failing mark being given. Late assignments will be penalized 10% per day to a maximum of 30%. Assignments will not be accepted after 5 days.