

**HIS 122**  
**WESTERN CIVILIZATION II**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090, or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course introduces western civilization from the early modern era to the present. Topics include the religious wars, the Industrial Revolution, World Wars I and II, and the Cold War. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in modern western civilization. This course is designed for students who may take other upper-level history courses. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for the general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.* Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

The student will be able to:

- a. Demonstrate orally and in writing a basic knowledge of the political, economic, and intellectual concepts and vocabulary necessary to understand Western Civilization from the Early Modern Era to the present.
- b. Demonstrate in writing a basic knowledge of the geography sufficient for understanding Western Civilization.
- c. Demonstrate orally and in writing a basic knowledge of the events of Western Civilization from the Early Modern Era to the present.
- d. Discuss orally and in writing the social, political, intellectual, and economic forces that have shaped Western Civilization including the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, liberalism, socialism, colonialism, industrialism, and nationalism.

**OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:**

- I. The End of the Middle Ages and Beginning of the Modern World
  - A. European overseas expansion
  - B. Creation of national monarchies
  - C. Growth of capitalism
- II. The Renaissance
  - A. Humanism
  - B. Revolution in art
- III. The Reformation

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- A. Luther
  - B. Calvin
  - C. The Church of England
  - D. Catholic Reformation
- IV. Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
- V. The Age of Revolution
- A. English Revolution
  - B. American Revolution
  - C. French Revolution
  - D. Liberalism and nationalism in the nineteenth-century
- VI. Industrial Revolution and Socialism
- VII. Imperialism, World War, and the Rise of Collectivism
- A. European empires
  - B. World War I
  - C. Communist collectivism: Russian Revolution
  - D. Fascist collectivism: revolution in Italy and Germany
  - E. Democratic collectivism: rise of the welfare state
- VIII. World War II and the Cold War

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS:**

To be selected by the Instructor/Discipline Chair.

### **STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 686-3652 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1309.