

School / Faculty: Faculty of Education and Arts

Course Title: MODERN WORLD EVENTS AND ISSUES

Course ID: HISOC1312

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): (ATSGC1312)

ASCED Code: 090305

Grading Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, etc.)

Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory	■	■	✓	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Identify and explain the major historical and political events that shaped the twentieth century;
- K2.** Identify and explain the causes and consequences of major global and regional incidents and political trends;
- K3.** Examine contested explanations of major historical and political events;
- K4.** Appraise the key debates, issues and perspectives informing the study of twentieth century political history.

Skills:

- S1.** Research global economic, social and political issues relevant to the key events of the twentieth century;
- S2.** Summarise the relevant key events and political issues of the twentieth century;
- S3.** Express substantiated and reasoned arguments concerning the key historical and political events of the twentieth century;
- S4.** Discuss the causes and consequences of key historical events and political issues of the 20th century.

Application of knowledge and skills:

Course Outline (Higher Education)

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- A1.** Apply critical thinking skills to key debates concerning relevant historical and political events of the twentieth century;
- A2.** Utilise and integrate scholarly knowledge in analysing the causes and consequences of key events of the twentieth century;
- A3.** Identify links between key historical and political events, issues and actors shaping the twentieth century.

Course Content:

Topics may include:

- New Imperialism: Bringing Europe to the World
- World War 1 and the Russian Revolution
- The Depression and the Rise of Fascism
- World War 2 and the Holocaust
- The Cold War 1: A New World Order
- The Cold War 2: Rivalry and Risk: Weapons, Nuclear Power and the Space Race
- Civil Rights, Student Protest and the Women's Movement
- Decolonisation and Self-determination
- Stalled Development
- Shifts in Global Power: The End of the Cold War
- The Post-Cold War era: the Liberal Triumph?
- Revision

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

- V1.** Develop an understanding of the key events and actors shaping the twentieth century;
- V2.** Gain familiarity with primary and secondary sources in appraising the key events and issues of the twentieth century; and,
- V3.** Recognise the deep complexities in assessing the causes and consequences of key events and actors shaping the twentieth century.

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Graduate Attributes:

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Continuous Learning	Students develop their abilities to identify and understand the roles of relevant events, actors and issues shaping the contemporary world.	High
Self Reliance	Students develop skills in independent research and analysis.	Medium
Engaged Citizenship	Students engage with ideas, concepts, debates and perspectives about contemporary global economic, social and political issues and citizenship.	High
Social Responsibility	Students develop their understanding of key issues and events of the twentieth century shaping the distribution of political power, rights and responsibilities.	High

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Task	Assessment Type	Weighting
K2, K4, S1, S3, A2, A3	Research and writing skills, topic analysis and identifying key issues, using relevant evidence	Minor Essay	15-25%
K1, K2, K3, K4, S1, S3, S4, A1, A2, A3	Research and writing skills, construction of an informed and substantiated argument, using relevant evidence	Major Essay	30-50%
K1, K2, S2, S3, A1, A2	Comprehension of course materials, relevant concepts, debates and scholarly perspectives	Exam	35-45%

Adopted Reference Style:

Chicago