

CONTEMPORARY WORLD HISTORY

OFFICE: Dickey Hall 378, Ext. 8126
OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TEXT: Marvin Perry, et al – Western Civilization: Ideas, Politics and Society, 8th Edition

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to introduce students to different issues in contemporary societies. As a backdrop to the course, students will be exposed to different ideas that shaped historical developments in the modern world. Ideas of 19th and 20th century thinkers and philosophers would be discussed. The two world wars and the by-products of World War II in particular shall be given in depth discussions. The course shall end with analyses of global conflicts in the modern period.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Define key concepts in contemporary historiography.
2. Infuse analytical and critical skills into students' learning process
3. Lead students to appreciate the interconnectedness of global issues

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students should fulfill attendance requirements
2. Students should participate actively in class discussions.
3. Students are expected to take examinations on days and times they are scheduled.
4. Students are expected to maintain dignity of behavior in class
5. Students are required to read assignments in preparation for class

COURSE EVALUATIONS:

Evaluation is based on the following:

1. Attendance
2. Class Participation
3. Performance in examinations

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Weeks 1 to 3 Modern Consciousness: Irrationalism vs. Enlightenment:
Montesquieu, Rousseau, Nietzsche, Dostoevsky, Sorel,
Durkheim and Weber.
Text: Chapter 28, pp 660-665, 666, 670-671, 672-673
- Weeks 4 to 9 World War I - Text: Chapter 29
- Weeks 9 to 12 Prelude to World War II -Text: Chapter 30, pp. 746 to 764
- Weeks 13 to 15 World War II and After - Text, Chapters 32 and 33