



Hunan University HIS 23: Two World Wars A

Professor: To be announced
Total contact hours: 54 hours
Credit: 4

Course Description

There are 2 parts in this course, part (A) and part (B). They will take students back to the time of World War I and II, to analyze the backgrounds of the two World Wars, break down the detailed events and movements. It will give students a whole view of the world at that time, how the nations responded to the wars and the consequence of it. Part(A) will focus on World War I as Part(B) will focus on World War II.

Required Material

A Mad Catastrophe: The Outbreak of World War I and the Collapse of the Habsburg Empire
1st Edition. Geoffrey Wawro, ISBN-13: 978-0465057955, ISBN-10: 0465057950

World War I. H.P. Willmott, ISBN-10: 0241217229, ISBN-13: 978-0241217221

World War II. H.P. Willmott, ISBN-10: 0756651425, ISBN-13: 978-0756651428

World War II: A New History. Evan Mawdsley, Cambridge University Press (September 21, 2009). ISBN-13: 978-0521608435, ISBN-10: 0521608430

Grading

- Attendance and Homework 20%
- Quizzes 30%
- Midterm 20%
- Final Exam 30%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	



Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 hours and 15 minutes in length.
Note: the syllabus is subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to the course: The Two World Wars

Class 2:

Background of World War I--why they fought? 1878-1914

Class 3:

The formation of the hatred

Class 4:

Declaration of the war

Class 5:

The fully outbreak of the War: 1914

Class 6:

Offense toward Belgium and France

Quiz #1

Class 7:

Battle fields on the east and the front in Balkan

Class 8:

Battle of Marne and Battle of Ypres

Class 9:

Another round of offense on the east line

Class 10:

The expanded war: 1914-1916

Class 11:

New battle fields

Class 12:

The war at Dardanelles

Class 13:

Mid-term Exam



Class 14:

Influences of Turkey's participation

Quiz #2

Class 15:

Battles of the Isonzo River and its influences

Class 16:

The deadlock on the west line

Class 17:

What happened outside the battlefields: 1914-1918

Class 18:

America and World War I

Quiz #3

Class 19:

Front-line of Italy and Mid-East area

Class 20:

The end of the War

Class 21:

The new world system: 1919-1923

Class 22:

A view of the world after World War I

Quiz #4

Class 23:

Conclusion of this course

Overall Review

Class 24:

Final exam

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.



Policy on “Late Withdrawals”

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Hunan University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.