



Hunan University

HIS 24: Two World Wars B

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

Course Description

Follows HIS 23(Two World Wars A), this course mainly focus on World War II, it will go into the details of the war and analyze nations' intentions and actions at that time. Students will have a deep understanding of World War II and what's more, the relations of the two wars behind it, thus, they will understand current world better. Also, they should be able to describe and illustrate historical events based on the timeline.

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 10%
- Tests 15%
- Papers 20%
- Midterm 25%
- 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: World War II

Background: The World in 1937

Class 2:

Japan and China

Class 3:

World system has been challenged by the man--Hitler

Class 4:

Hitler's border wars--Outbreak of the war

Class 5:

Germany re-fights World War I: 1939-1940

Class 6:

Wars of ideology: 1941-1942

Class 7:

Test #1

Class 8

The Red Army versus the Wehrmacht: 1941-1944

Class 9

The Red Army versus the Wehrmacht (Cont)

Paper

Class 10

Japan's lunge for empire: 1941-1942

Class 11

Defending the perimeter: Japan, 1942-1944



Class 12
Mid-term Exam

Class 13
The “world ocean and Allied victory: 1939-1945

Class 14
The European periphery: 1940-1944

Class 15
Wearing down Germany” 1942-1944

Class 16
Wearing down Germany (Cont)

Class 17
Victory in Europe: 1944-1945

Class 18
Turning point of the War: Southwest Pacific

Class 19
End and beginning in Asia: 1945

Class 20
Test #2

Class 21
A view of the world after World War II

Class 22
How can be the Two World Wars related
Paper

Class 23
Conclusion of the 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.