



HST 256: History of World War II

A one-semester study of the origins, causes, events, and consequences of World War Two (1939-1945). The course will consider the war from a variety of perspectives and will examine the political, diplomatic, military, economic, technological, and intellectual developments related to the war. Pre-requisite(s): A passing score on the college's reading and writing placement tests or, a CC or better in ENG 091 and concurrent enrollment ENG 092. Three lecture hours per week. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Ethical Dimensions, Global and Historical Awareness.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Students who successful complete this course will be able to: 1. Evaluate the origins and causes of WWII within the global context of post-WWI conditions. 2. Describe the impact of scientific and technological developments on the course of WWII. 3. Explain the immediate events leading up to the outbreak of war in Europe in Sept. 1939. 4. Explain how Germany conquered most of Europe by 1942 including the Allied reaction to German military expansion. 5. Describe the events in East Asia and the western Pacific. 6. Identify how the Allied powers (U.S., Great Britain and the U.S.S.R.) eventually stopped, and then finally defeated, the Axis powers. 7. Evaluate the impact of the Allied victory on the post-1945 world.

Credits: 3

Program: History