

Syllabus

HIS 213 - European History and Diplomacy in the 19th and 20th Centuries: (Credits Units:)

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Attendance:

You are expected to attend every class. If you must miss a class, it is your responsibility to make up for the work that you have missed. You must please notify the lecturer in advance if you are going to be absent from any class.

Methods of Instruction:

Expository and descriptive methods will be used. The syllabus contains an overview of what will be covered in class. For specific information, students are referred to the class web page maintained on the University website. Assignments will be posted on the University of Delta LMS or given in the class and should be submitted through University of Delta LMS. Class attendance and doing all your assignments and tests will assist you to understand the course better.

Overview

The course discusses major themes in the diplomatic and political history of Europe during the period under review. The objective of this course is to expose students to such important themes like: German and Italian unification, the Alliance system and its impact on European politics. The First World War (1914-1918), Post-War peace meeting realities- The Versailles Peace Treaties (1919). Formation of the league of Nations: the great (economic) Depression in Europe 1919 -1939, the rise of Fascist regimes in Europe, The outbreak of the second World War 1939-1945, The Cold War – 1946-1991-NATO, Warsaw pact, The collapse of communism and the end of the Cold war

Objectives

The objectives of this course are to

(i) analyze the unifications of Germany and Italy (ii) Examine the Alliance system and its impact on European politics (iii) explain the events that led to the First World War (iv) examine post-war treaties (v) trace the origin of league of nation (vi) discuss great depression in Europe 1919-

1939 (vii) discuss European Fascist regimes in Europe (viii) examine events preceding the second world war (ix) examine the cold war era (x) examine the reasons for the collapse of communism and end of the cold war

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to (i) explain the relevance of unification of German and Italian nations (ii) discuss the alliance system and its impact on European politics (iii) Discuss the first World war and its aftermath effects (iv) discuss the Versailles treaties (v) discuss the origin of league of nations and its metamorphosis (vi) examine the factors that preceded the outbreak of second world war and its aftermath (vii) discuss the cold war era and its characteristics

Course content

The Unification of Germany and Italy. The Alliance System and its impact on European politics. The first World War (1914-1918). Post-War peace meeting/treaties:- The Versailles peace Treaties (1919). Formation of the league of Nations. The Great economic depression in Europe 1919-1945. The Cold War- 1946-1991, NATO, Warsaw Pact. The Collapse of Communism and the end of the Cold War.

Lecture Schedules

Week	Content	Lecture notes
1.	The unification of Germany and Italy	
2.	The Alliance System and its impact on European politics	
3.	The first World War (1914-1918)	
4.	Post-War peace meeting/treaties: The Versailles peace Treaties (1919)	
5.	Formation of the League of Nations	
6.	Mid Semester Break	
7.	The Great Economic Depression in Europe 1919-1945	
8.	Test	
9.	The rise of Fascist regimes in Europe	
10.	The outbreak of the Second World War 1939-1945	
11.	The Cold War- 1946-1991, NATO, Warsaw Pact.	
12.	The Collapse of Communism and the end of the Cold War.	
13.	Revision	
14.	Final Exam	

Examination Schedule

- Attendance
- Homework
- Class Test/Assignment
- End of Semester Exam

Grading

- Homework: 15% of grade
- Assignment: 15% of grade
- Final Exam: 70% of grade

Texts and References

Aziken, L.E., Okwuidegbe, L.F., World History: 1750-1991. Bwright Integrated Publishers, Ibadan.

Thomson, D. (1965) Europe Since Napoleon, Pelicon Boofa London.

Mazour, A. U. People's J.M. (1990). World History: People and nations, Harcourt Brace Java nation Inc. Orianton, USA.

Student Conduct

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Academic Honesty

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