



APPLIED WORLD CULTURES

2014 - 2015

Course Description:

This course focuses on the events and themes that have shaped the cultures of Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America from 1500 to the present. Special emphasis is placed on the practical aspects of examining and analyzing the political, economic and cultural forces that have led to the development of the modern world outside of the United States.

Course Content:

Unit One: The Development of Modern Europe

- The Foundation of European Culture
- The Impact of War & Revolution
- World War One
- The Russian Revolution
- World War Two
- The Cold War
- The Collapse of European Communism
- Europe Today

Unit Two: The Development of Modern Asia

- Impact of Colonialism & World War
- Development of Modern Japan
- Development of Modern China
- Development of Modern India
- Asia Today

Unit Three: Development of Modern Day Africa & the Middle East

- Impact of Colonialism & World War
- Establishing the state of Israel
- Establishing of Middle Eastern Arab States
- North African States
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Africa & the Middle East Today

Unit Four: Development of Latin America

- Impact of Colonialism and Independence Movements
- Mexico & Central America
- South America
- The Caribbean
- Latin America Today

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

"Modern World History Patterns of Interaction", Beck, Black, Krieger, Naylor & Taylor,
Publisher: McDougal Little, 2007

Course Requirements:

This course is designed to give students a greater understanding of the forces and events that have played a role in shaping the political, social and economic structure of the world in the modern era. Students will be required to work individually as well as with their peers throughout the year to both learn and master the material covered in the course. Their progress will be monitored and assessed through various methods such as in-class work, homework, quizzes, tests, writing assignments and projects. Each student is required to complete all work assigned by the teacher. Failure to do so will affect the student's overall grade.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on the following percentages for each category:

Summative Assessments: 60%

Homework: 30%

In-class Assignments: 10%

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no summer reading assignments for this course.