

HST 2200- MORDERN WOLRD HISTORY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a brief examination of the ideas, events and movements that have influenced the nature and structure of modern sovereign nations both in the Old World and the New. It focuses on major development from the medieval period to decolonization in the Post-World-War two period. The subjects include feudalism, the Renaissance and Reform; European colonial Empires; the 18th and 20th century revolution; the 19th century ISMS; the world war and their aftermath and the changes in the Arab World.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

THE COURSE

1. Exposes students to the major development in Modern World History
2. Helps students to understand:
 1. Emergence of Super Power
 2. Reasons for Cold War
 3. The origins of the conflicts in Eastern Europe and the Middle East
 4. Meaning of Imperialism and Decolonization
3. Encourages research and discussion on some of the more sensitive issues in Modern

ORGANISATION OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The course will be offered over 60 hours

Lectures 3 hours ×15 weeks 45 hours

Tutorial/ seminars 1 hours ×15 weeks 15 hours

Total - 60 hours

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

1. Course work = 50%; FINAL Examination = 50%

COURSE WORK

1. Semester Paper (essay)
2. Tutorial paper & essay
3. In-course test

EXAMINATION

One paper of two and a half – hours duration with a requirement of answering three (3) essays type questions for 50 marks

GRADING SYSTEM

A: 75-100; B: 65-74; C: 55-64; D: 45-54; F: 44 & Below

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: MEDIEVAL EUROPE

- a) Main features of feudalism and Manoralism
- b) Decline of Feudalism
- c) Rise and Decline of the Papacy
- d) Cause of results of the Crusaders

Week 2: THE RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION

- a) Factors responsible for the Renaissance
- b) Spread and effect of the Renaissance in Europe
- c) Reason for the Reformation
- d) The work of Martin Luther and the effects of the Reformation

Week 3 & 4: RISE, GROWTH AND IMPACT OF COLONIAL EMPIRES

- a) Effects of Geographical discoveries
- b) Factors responsible for the rise and growth of Colonial Empires
- c) The Colonial Empire of Spain, Portugal, Holland and France
- d) The British Colonial Empire

Week 5: THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

- a) Nature of the Industrial Revolution
- b) Significant of Industrial Changes
- c) Effects of Industrial Revolution on Civilization

Week 6: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION/WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

- a) Immediate causes
- b) Main events
- c) Effects of war

Week 7: THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

- a) Causes b) Course c) Impacts

Week 8: THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

- a) Causes
- b) Course
- c) Impacts
- d) Comparison and Contrasts of Revolution

Week 9: THE 19TH CENTURY 'ISMS'

- a) Nationalism
- b) Liberalism
- c) Socialism
- d) Fascism and Communism
- e) Imperialism
- f) Significance in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Week 10: WORLD WAR I

- a) Cause and Course of World War I
- b) The consequences – The League of Nations

Week 11: WORLD WAR II

- a) Cause and Course of World War II
- b) Aftermath of World War II
- c) The United Nations and its arms
- d) The multi - Lateral Institutions

Week 12: DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA AND ASIA

- a) Reasons for Decolonization
- b) Independence movement in India
- c) Independence movements in Ghana

Week 13: THE MIDDLE EAST

- a) Pan-Arabism and Nationalism
- b) Political changes in Arab Nations
- c) The Egyptian Revolution
- d) The Arab Israeli Conflict

Week 14 & 15: REVISION AND EXAMS

