

MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. HIST

COURSE NUMBER: 2202

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT 0

Course Title:
Modern American Wars

Catalog Description:
Modern American Wars begins with an examination of the Spanish-American War, then examines World Wars I & II, the causes and peace settlements of each, and the significance of each conflict. The course moves on to a study of the Cold War and its associated conflicts, concluding with an analysis of recent developments including the War on Terror. The course addresses social, political, and economic questions from an ethical perspective.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:
STSK 0095 or placement by multiple measures.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility: ____ by meeting the following competencies:

1. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.
2. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
3. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
4. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.
5. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Topics to be Covered
Spanish-American War
World Wars I & II
Cold War

Korean Conflict
Vietnam War
Terrorism/War on Terror

Student Learning Outcomes
Define different political ideologies and explain their effect on cultures, societies & nations.
Locate cities and nations on a map.
Recognize the causes and outcomes of conflict.
State the impact of earlier decisions on current situations.
Examine the ethical dilemmas and decision-making in warfare.
Identify key terms, places, events and personalities of modern warfare.

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>*If yes, please list the competencies below</i>

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