

# Virginia Western Community College

## HIS 102

### History of Western Civilization II

#### **Prerequisites**

None

#### **Course Description**

Examines the development of western civilization from ancient times to the present. The first semester ends with the seventeenth century; the second semester continues through modern times. Course may be taken out of sequence.

This course introduces western civilization history from the Renaissance to the modern era. Students will analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in the modern western civilization.

Students will be introduced to useful skills for historical analysis and interpretation. Students will strengthen skills in interdisciplinary studies and global awareness.

**Semester Credits: 3**

**Lecture Hours: 3**

## **Required Materials**

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

### **Textbook:**

Coffin, Judith and Stacey, Robert. Western Civilizations: Their History and Their Culture, Brief Edition. New York: Norton and Company, 2005. ISBN: 0-393-92558-7

### **Other Required Materials:**

None

## **Course Outcomes**

### **At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- Examine the rise of absolutism and constitutionalism in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.
- Analyze the Scientific Revolution with emphasis on how it affected western civilization.
- Display comprehensive knowledge of the revolutionary movements in Europe and the Americas from 1750-1850.
- Analyze the cause and effects of the Industrial Revolution on western civilization.
- Evaluate the 19<sup>th</sup> century nationalist movements in Europe and the Americas.
- Examine 19<sup>th</sup> century western civilization imperialism.
- Test the relationship between the causes and effects of World War I and the postwar period.
- Examine western civilization's response to nationalism in Asia, 1914-1939.
- Display comprehensive knowledge of the Great Depression from a western civilization perspective.
- Evaluate the growth of the totalitarian states between the world wars.
- Recognize the causes and effects of World War II.
- Examine European recovery and the development of the Cold War, 1945-1972.
- Compare the post World War II nationalist movements in Asia and Africa.
- Identify western civilization's response to the economic and political development of the Third World since 1945.

**Topical Description**

1	<b>Absolutism in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Europe:</b> overview and special topics for France as the model, (Henry IV and Richelieu, Louis XIV, financial and economic management, military adventures, religion and cultural developments), Developments in Spain, Developments in Austria, Russia, and Prussia.
2	<b>Constitutionalism in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Europe:</b> overview, England as the model (decline for royal absolutism, Cromwell and the Protectorate, the Restoration, and the Glorious Revolution), developments in the Dutch Republic.
3	<b>The Scientific Revolution:</b> the Copernican Revolution, Galileo's ideas, Newton's synthesis, causes of the revolution, consequences of the revolution, and effects on societies outside of western civilization.
4	<b>Trans-Atlantic slave trade</b>
5	<b>Role of the Ottoman Empire in relation to western civilization</b>
6	<b>Revolutionary movements, 1750-1850:</b> the American Revolution (causes, effects and the U.S. Constitution), The French Revolution (causes, events, reforms, the Terror, and reaction), revolutions in the Americas.
7	<b>The Industrial Revolution:</b> origins, break-through in England, energy and transportation, Continental Europe, and effects of the Industrial Revolution on non-industrialized countries.
8	<b>Nationalist movements:</b> the Congress of Vienna, radical ideas, Greece, reforms of the British Isles, Revolutions of 1830 and 1848, and developments in the Americas, Italy, and Germany.
9	<b>Imperialism:</b> the scramble for Africa, imperialism in Asia, problems, and economic results.
10	<b>World War I:</b> background, origins, events of 1914-1915, events of 1916-1918, social impact, Russian Revolution, the peace settlement, and the postwar period (Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Africa).
11	<b>Rise of Nationalism:</b> the Middle East, toward self-rule in India, and turmoil in Asia.
12	<b>The Great Depression:</b> origins and effects in Europe, Asia and in the Americas.
13	<b>The Rise of totalitarian states, 1920-1940:</b> Germany, Italy, and U.S.S.R. <b>World War II:</b> background, origins, events from 1939-1945, and social impact.

14	<b>Post World War II in Europe:</b> developments of the Cold War, the Marshall Plan, and developments toward economic union.
15	<b>Post World War II nationalism movements in Asia and Africa:</b> Asia (China and Japan), India, other nations. Africa: former French, British and other European possessions.
16	<b>Post World War II economic and social developments in the Third World:</b> population problems, poverty, cultural changes, urbanization, and industrialization.

### **Notes to Instructors**

None