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**1. Course Number: HIS120**  
**Course Title: World History II**

**2. Description:** This survey course explores the economic, political, cultural, and social developments in world history from 1500 Current Era (CE) to the present in Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania the Middle East and the Americas. The course highlights issues in geography, trade, religious and cultural movements, and social and political change that influenced the historical evolution of various world societies and their interrelationships within a global context.

**3. Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):**

Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:

- identify and describe key events and trends in World History from 1500 CE to the present
- develop appreciation for diverse forms of culture and religion
- describe recurrent social problems such as race, class and gender inequality
- use maps to enhance their knowledge of world geography
- differentiate primary and secondary sources and the issue of bias in the construction of historical discourse
- analyze world history from different perspectives
- use oral and written communication skills to make coherent, evidence-based arguments and interpretations
- utilize critical thinking skills to relate world historical events of the past to current world affairs follow rules for civil discourse that may involve conflicting points of view

**4. Credits:** 3 credits

**5. Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences

**6. Prerequisite:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores

**7. Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring

**8. Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades are based upon exams, written work, class interest and participation, and attendance

**9. General Topical Outline (Optional):**

- European colonialism in Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Caribbean
- The Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment and the French Revolution.
- Asian civilizations of India, China, Korea and Japan in the early modern period and their responses to European colonialism
- The transformation of Africa by European colonialism and the slave trade in the early modern period
- The transformation of the Americas and the Caribbean by European colonialism and slavery in the early modern period
- The Industrial Revolution in Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries and its social, political and cultural ramifications
- Revolutions, independence movements and resistance to European colonialism in the 18th and 19th centuries
- World War I and the Russian Revolution
- The Great Depression and the Rise of Fascism and Nazism
- World War II and the end of European colonialism
- The Cold War era
- Post-colonial Africa and Asia
- Post-Soviet Europe and the European Union