

**COURSE NUMBER:** HS1024  
**COURSE TITLE:** Western Civilization III: War, Power, and Conflict  
**COURSE LENGTH:** Semester, One Credit  
**PREREQUISITE:** None  
**GRADE LEVEL:** 10, 11, or 12

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Have you heard about the Great War, World War II and the slaughter of six million Jews? Do you wonder what life was like under the threat of possible nuclear annihilation? Are you concerned with the prospect of never achieving world peace? This course is about Europe with special emphasis placed on World War I, World War II, the Holocaust, the Soviet Union, the Cold War, and continual global conflict in the 21st Century.

**COURSE RATIONALE:**

Students study War, Power, and Conflict to learn how individuals and groups have shaped the modern world. The 20th Century stands out as the century of two world wars and the search for security in a hostile environment. Major social, economic, philosophical and cultural changes marked this century as well. Throughout this course, the student is asked to think critically about the event and issues that have shaped our world and what the future prospects are for our world.

**METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:**

1. Various readings of literature and historical selections
2. Discussion, group/partner activities, and lecture
3. Role playing, simulation, and debates
4. Movies and videos of historical issues
5. Computer simulations and internet investigative activities
6. Written position papers
7. Problem solving activities
8. Projects
9. Reading the text, All Quiet on the Western Front (World War I), excerpts from The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich (Hitler and World War II), Night (about Auschwitz), and Animal Farm.
10. Written tests to demonstrate learning.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Quizzes over daily reading assignments, written and oral identification, interpretation, and projects to demonstrate learning.

**CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:**

1. Identify the historical and cultural heritage of a nation.
2. Develop a sense of responsibility to self and others in order to function successfully in the local and world community.
3. Acquire the geography skills needed to interact in the world community.
4. Develop an awareness of cultural diversity.

5. Process information through research, analysis and communication.
6. Develop thinking and problem solving skills.

**Beginning with the Class of 2011, all students, all students are required to take one semester of a Western Civilization course.**