



SEMESTER IV

HISDSC351T

HISTORY OF MODERN WORLD FROM 1914 TO 1945 CE

Contact Hours: 60

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

Course Objective:

This course aims to provide an understanding of an era of shifting history from Euro-centric to World. It discusses the turbulent times when totalitarianism rose as an alternative to democratic and liberal ideals and the growing desire for peace through the formation of organizations such as the United Nations.

UNIT I

1. Wilson's Fourteen Points
2. Paris Peace Conference:
 - a) Treaty of Versailles: Provisions.
 - b) Critical appraisal of the Treaty of Versailles.
 - c) Other Peace Treaties. (13 Lecturers)

Unit II

1. Russian Revolution 1917: Causes and Consequences
2. League of Nations: Aims and Objectives, Organizations, Causes of failure.
3. Mandate System.
4. French quest for security:
 - i) Locarno Agreements
 - ii) The Kellogg-Briand Pact (13 Lecturers)

Unit III

1. Weimar Republic
2. Rise of Nazism in Germany, Foreign Policy of Hitler
3. Growth of Fascism in Italy, Foreign Policy of Mussolini
4. Soviet Foreign Policy under Lenin (12 Lecturers)

Unit IV

1. Economic Depression of 1929
2. Spanish Civil War
3. The British Policy of Appeasement and Munich Pact
4. Russo-German Non-Aggression Pact, 1939 (11 Lecturers)

UNIT V

1. 2nd World War: Causes, Consequences
2. War-time Conferences.
3. UNO: Aims and objectives, Organisations, achievements. (11 Lecturers)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the turbulent times when totalitarianism rose as an alternative to democratic and liberal ideals and the growing desire for peace through the formation of organizations such as the United Nations.

Suggested Readings:

1. Barzun Jacques from Dawn to Decadence 500 years of western Cultural life: 1500-present New York, Harper Collins 2001
2. Car, E.H (1948) International Relations between two World Wars (1919-1939), Delhi
3. Carsten. F.L (1982) : The Rise of Fascism University of California Press



4. Cayley, E.S (1856) The European revolutions of 1848, London Smith Elder & Co. Vol I and II
5. Contemporary History of the World by Edwin Augustus Grosvenor
6. Crawley C.W (1965) The new Cambridge modern History Volume 9. War & Peace in an age of upheaval. 1793-1830. Cambridge University Press.
7. Dhar, S.N (1967): International Relations and World Politics since 1919, Bombay, Asia Publish House
8. Doenecke Justus D. Stoler Mark A (2005). Debating Franklin D roosevelt's Foreign
9. Dunan Marcel Larousse: Encyclopedia of Modern History from 1500 to the Present day, New York Harper & Row, 1964.
10. Duruy V & Grosvenor E.A (1894) History of modern times: From the fall of Constantipole to the French Revolution, New York H Holt and Company
11. FP Walters: A History of the League of Nations (oxford 1965)
12. Gaddis John Lewis (1972) The UNITED States and the Origins of the Cold War, 1941-1947 Columbia University Press
13. Grosvenor, Edwin A Contemporary History of the World New York and Boston T.Y Crowell & Co. 1899
14. Henry Kitchell Webster: Early European History
15. Jules Michelet, Mary Charlotte, Mair Simpson: A summary of Modern history