Course Description:

This is a general course in the history of the Second World War, which will be studied in its worldwide dimensions, beginning with its origins in World War I and the pressures of the revolutionary revisionist powers against the old world order. The main attention will be focused on the six war years of 1939-45 in both the Asian and European theaters. Development of the military struggle itself will receive major emphasis, but the political, social and economic dimensions of the conflict will also be studied. The course concludes with a brief analysis of the postwar settlement, the problems resulting therefrom and the beginning of the Cold War.

Lectures:

There will be two lectures each week, averaging about 50 minutes each. A number of films will be shown and there will also be some time for questions and discussion during the lecture periods. Moreover, each student will be assigned to a required discussion section at times to be announced.

Written Assignments and Exams:

There will be two 75-minute exams, each based on the material covered in the lectures and required readings. In addition, each student registered for three credits must prepare a brief research paper or essay on further reading or some special topic, the nature of which must be defined by individual consultation no later than February 15.

Three credit option: Those who register for three credits only will be required to take both the exams, attend all classes and do the required reading but will not be expected to write a research paper or essay.

Grading System:

The final grade will be weighted approximately as follows: Exams 38% each, paper 24%. (For three-credit students, exams about 50% each.)

Required Reading (all paperbacks):

Schedule of Topics

January
23 The Era of World Wars
25 Fascism and Nazism
30 The Hitler Regime

February
1 Stalin's Russia: The Militarization of Socialism
6 Open
8 The Rise of Imperial Japan
13 The Sino-Japanese War
15 Expansion of Nazi Germany
20 Outbreak of War in Europe
22 The Fall of France
27 Open

March
1 The Battle of Britain
6 Mussolini's Parallel War
8 The German Invasion of Russia
13 German Occupation Policy
15 FIRST EXAM
27 Japan's Road to Pearl Harbor
29 The Japanese Offensive in the Pacific

Readings
Remak, 3-10, 43-55; Rich, xi-xxxii
Rich, xxxii-21
Rich, 21-77.

Toland, 1-46
Toland, 46-76
Remak, 10-31, 55-91; Rich, 81-110
Remak, 31-40, 92-119; Rich, 111-131;
Wright, 1-19; Liddell Hart, 3-32
Liddell Hart, 33-86; Rich, 132-156;
Wright, 19-28.

Liddell Hart, 87-108; Rich, 157-164;
Wright, 28-32
Liddell Hart, 109-139; Rich, 165-203
Liddell Hart, 140-170; Remak, 135-148;
Rich, 204-223; Wright, 32-41
Wright, 107-143

Toland, 76-239; Remak, 120-135, 149-
173; Rich, 224-250; Liddell Hart, 199-211
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<td>8 The End of the War, 1944-45</td>
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Reserve Reading List

Guy Wint and Peter Calvocoressi  Total War
John Toland  Adolf Hitler
K. D. Bracher  The German Dictatorship
Dietrich Orlow  History of the Nazi Party, 2 vols.
A. J. P. Taylor  Origins of the Second World War
Keith Eubank  Munich
B. H. Liddell Hart  History of the Second World War
Gordon Wright  The Ordeal of Total War
John Lukacs  The Last European War
Anthony Cave Brown  Bodyguard of Lies
William Stevenson  A Man Called Intrepid
F. W. Deakin  The Brutal Friendship
Sir Ivor Kirkpatrick  Mussolini
D. Mack Smith  Mussolini's Roman Empire
James Crowley  Japan's Quest for Autonomy
James W. Morley  Dilemmas of Growth in Prewar Japan
Frank Dorn  The Sino-Japanese War
Borg and Okamoto  Pearl Harbor as History
R. Wheatley  Operation Sea Lion
Alan Clark  Barbarossa
James F. Dunnigan  The Russian Front
Albert Seaton  The Russo-German War
Correlli Barnett  The Desert Generals
Gerald Reitlinger  The Final Solution
Alan Milward  The German Economy at War
Herbert Feis  Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin
John L. Gaddis  United States and Origins of the Cold War
Foster R. Dulles  America's Rise to World Power
Robert Paxton  Vichy France
Alexander Dallin  German Rule in Russia
R. V. Jones  The Wizard War.