Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: HIST-465 The US and the World Since 1945

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
HIST-465	The Us and the World Since 1945	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This course will start by examining the concept of the balance of power and how its breakdown led to World War I. The multidimensional repercussions of World War I will then be assessed. The founding of the League of Nations and the expectations it raised as well as its failure will then be analysed before reviewing the factors that led to World War II. The focus will then turn to the Cold War that emerged from the ruins of World War II. It will look at the major conflicts of the period, and how US-Soviet relations influenced their course. The emergence of international institutions and alliances will also be examined. The course will also address the challenges of the new world system that is emerging in the post-Cold War era.

Instructor

Dr Farid Mirbagheri

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, assignments and project(s).

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Class Participation: 0-5% Homework/Project(s): 10-20% Test(s): 40-50% Final Exam: 40-50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Kissinger, H. & Simon & Schuster: Diplomacy, 1994

Recommended Reading

Carr, EH: The Twenty Years Crisis