Course Number and Name

HISE 301  History of Europe, 1453 – 1945

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the students will be able to analyze the transformation of Europe from the Middle Ages to the modern, assess the subsequent developments in the Modern period of Europe up to the Second World War and evaluate the impact of above developments on world history.

Course Contents

Decline of the Middle Ages and beginnings of Modern Europe; rise of nation states; the Renaissance; religious, scientific and the commercial revolutions; benevolent despotism and absolute monarchies; the ancient regime; the French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte; Vienna Settlement and the old order; era of nationalism and liberalism 1815-1848; unification of Italy and Germany; the formation of power blocs; the First World War; the “Twenty Year Crisis” and the Second World War.

Assessment Strategy

i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year
ii. Assessment Method - Written examination
   Assigned Percentage for each Component- 100%

Recommended References

Burns, Edward McNall (1955), Western Civilizations: Their History and Their Culture, New York: Norton & Co.