IDH 206
Political and Intellectual Forces in the 20th Century

I. IDH 206 Political and Intellectual Forces in the 20th Century - 3 Semester Hours

II. Course Description

This course is an historical approach to an integrated study of the major ideologies and their influences on the 20th century. Included are the rise of nationalism, fascism, and communism and the development of the human rights movements.

III. Prerequisite

Admission to the Honors Program or consent; completion of IDH 106 or ENG 101 and 102. Completion of first semester western civilization recommended.

IV. Textbook

Due to the varied selection of quality college level textbooks, each college will select the textbook needed to meet the requirements of this course.

V. Course Competencies and Objectives

To complete this course, the student must have a reasonable mastery of the following:

A. The ability to comprehend assigned readings and lectures on the types of nationalism appearing in the 19th and 20th centuries.
B. The ability to understand and discuss the philosophical background of capitalism and the technological revolution of the 19th and 20th centuries.
C. The ability to comprehend the effects of the scientific discoveries of the late 19th and 20th centuries on society.
D. The ability to comprehend and discuss the origins of both Utopian and Marxian Socialism.
E. The ability to comprehend the rise and basic beliefs of Fascism.
F. The ability to comprehend the effects of the First World War, Second World War, the Cold War on present day society.
Objectives:

During this course the student will do the following:

A. Compare and contrast the pre-1860 type of nationalism with that appearing by 1914 and 1945.
B. Study and discuss the appearance of the Capitalistic system.
C. Discuss and analyze the discoveries in science in the late 19th and 20th centuries and their effects upon society.
D. Discuss and analyze the historical background and basic beliefs of the Utopian and Marxian Socialist.
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F. Discuss and analyze the historical background and basic beliefs of Fascism.
G. Discuss and analyze the effects of WWI, WWII, and the Cold War on diplomacy, warfare, and society.

VI. Course Outline of Topics

VII. Evaluation and Assessment

Written exams
Class discussion
Oral exams / presentations

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, and F = below 60%.

VIII. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student’s ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

IX. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

The College and the Alabama State Board of Education are committed to providing both employment and educational environments free of harassment or discrimination related to an individual’s race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, or disability. Such harassment is a violation of State Board of Education policy. Any practice or behavior that constitutes harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated.
X. **Americans with Disabilities**

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student’s responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.