HIST 352
The Second World War
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course examines the origins, nature, and impact of the Second World War. Beginning with a survey of the Great War and its aftermath, it traces the onset of World War II through the eyes of its many participants. As an international history of the war, this course covers all military theaters, devoting roughly equal time to operations in Europe and the Pacific. It also examines the war’s impact on civilian populations and the manner in which the conflict transformed the economic, social, and political realities of domestic life for the major combatants.

Class meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays will be devoted largely to lectures. Discussion sections for all students will take place on Fridays.

II. GRADING
Grades will be based on performance in discussion sections, as well as on two mid-terms and a final examination. The weighting of these elements is as follows:

- Discussion Section: 15%
- Mid-term I, Monday, September 23: 20%
- Mid-term II, Wednesday, October 30: 30%
- Final Examination, Tuesday, December 10: 35%

III. PREREQUISITES
There are no formal prerequisites for this course, though a general understanding of the twentieth century is strongly recommended.

IV. REQUIRED TEXTS
The following volumes, all of which are available in the college bookstore, will be required reading for the course:

Inga Clendinnen, Reading the Holocaust (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).


Additional required readings are listed on class-specific web pages (accessible via the “Schedule” page on the website), and can be downloaded in personal document format (pdf) from those pages.

V. COURSE WEBSITE/LISTSERVE
All information contained in this syllabus, as well as a printable copy of the syllabus itself, will be available on the course website. In addition, all readings other than those in the required texts will be available on the website in personal document format (pdf).

You can access the website at:

http://faculty.virginia.edu/wwii

You will need a userid and a password to access these readings.

userid: student
password: hist352

You may also participate in online discussions of class and related material via the class listserve. The address for the listserve is:

HIST352-100@toolkit.virginia.edu

Please note that any message you send to this address will be delivered to everyone in the class. If you wish to contact the instructor directly and exclusively, please use the instructor’s individual e-mail address listed on the homepage. To send a message to the listserve, insert the listserve password in the first non-blank line of the message text.

e-mail password: hist352

VI. DISCUSSION SECTIONS
All students must sign up for and attend weekly discussion sections. Grades will be based on attendance, performance on quizzes, and participation.
V. Course Overview

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Final Exam:
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
VI. ASSIGNMENTS

August 28

_The Great War and its Aftermath: Crucible of a Generation_
Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:

September 2

_The World of Extremes—Europe: The Rise of Fascism and Militarism_
Marek Chodakiewicz

Required Readings:
Overy and Wheatcroft, _The Road to War_, pp. 1-72, 164-257.
Overy, _Russia’s War_, pp. 1-33.

September 4

_Divided Democracies: Appeasement_
Marc Selverstone

Required Readings
Overy and Wheatcroft, _The Road to War_, pp. 73-163.
Reynolds, _From Munich to Pearl Harbor_, pp. 24-68.

September 9

_Germany’s Strange Victory: The Fall of France_
Philip Zelikow

Required Readings:
Murray and Millett, _A War to Be Won_, pp. 18-90.

September 11

_The World of Extremes—Asia: Empire on the Pacific_
Chen Jian

Required Readings:
Overy and Wheatcroft, _The Road to War_, pp. 258-88.
Murray and Millett, _A War to Be Won_, pp. 143-64.
September 16
*America’s Dilemmas and Debates: Isolationism and Interventionism*
Taylor Fain

Required Readings:
Reynolds, *From Munich to Pearl Harbor*, pp. 69-123.

September 18
*Germany’s Strategy for Global War*
Philip Zelikow

Required Readings:
Overy, *Russia’s War*, pp. 34-72.

September 23
**MID-TERM EXAMINATION I**

September 25
*Barbarossa: The Invasion of the Soviet Union*
Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:
Overy, *Russia’s War*, pp. 73-153.

September 30
*America’s Coming of War*
Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:
Reynolds, *From Munich to Pearl Harbor*, pp. 123-89.

October 2
*Rising Sun: The Japanese War of Conquest*
Chen Jian

Required Readings:
October 9

*The War at Sea: The Battle of the Atlantic*
Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:

October 14

*Stalingrad and Kursk*
Marek Chodakiewicz

Required Readings:
Overy, *Russia’s War*, pp. 154-222.

October 16

*Allied Grand Strategy*
Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:

October 21

*The Militarization of Ideas: U.S. Propaganda Overseas*
Holly Shulman

Required Readings:

October 23

*The Militarization of Capital: The War of the Economies*
David Shreve

Required Readings:
October 28

**Grinding It Out in the Pacific**

David Coleman

Required Readings:

October 30

**Mid-Term Examination II**

November 4

**The Holocaust: Emergence and Evolution**

Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:

November 6

**Home Fronts: American Women**

Cindy Aron

Required Readings:
November 11

*Home Fronts: African-Americans*

Kent Germany

Required Readings:

November 13

*The Intelligence War: Feints and Deceptions*

Tim Naftali

Required Readings:

November 18

*The Assault on Europe: D-Day and the Drive to Germany*

Tim Naftali

Required Readings:
- Overy, *Russia’s War*, pp. 223-89.

November 20

*Endgame: Berlin and Its Aftermath*

Tim Naftali

Required Readings:

November 25

*The Destruction of Japan: The Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb*

David Coleman

Required Readings:

December 2

*The Cold War Begins*

Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:


December 4

*Zero-Hour: The International Settlement*

Marc Selverstone

Required Readings:


December 10

**Final Examination**

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.