

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: HIST 200 Department: History

Course Title: Modern Western Civilization Semester: Spring Year: 1997

Objectives/Competencies

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<p>1. The purpose of the course is to provide the student with a basic background in Western Civilization that can be used to explore other historical areas in depth. It is offered in the belief that such a basic background is intrinsically valuable and virtually indispensable to an understanding of the other arts, sciences and technologies. Emphasis is placed on the continuity and unity of the human experience by stressing history in terms of cultures, trends and forces rather than isolated people and events. Particular attention is paid to the rise of monarchy and the nation state and the development of economic and political revolutions.</p>	<p>The course is taught in a seminar style and each student is expected to participate in the discussion. In some sections of the course, the opportunity is given to prepare additional historical research using primary sources for an honors component.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reasons for the coming of the Renaissance and Reformation.2. Impact of these events of Western Europe.3. Political and cultural upheavals of the 15th and 16th centuries.4. Rise of the modern nation state.5. Global expansion and the rise of global economy.6. Enlightenment.7. Revolutions, i.e., Glorious, American and French.8. Era of Napoleon.9. Industrial Revolution10. Emergence of Imperialism.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11. World War I and its effect on Western Europe and the World.12. Intellectual creativity of the 1920's and the rise of totalitarian states.13. World War II and the atomic age.14. Cold War.