

# NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Title:** Western Civilization II

**Course #:** HIS 102

### **Course Description:** 3 Credits

The class will be divided into two parts. The first section will encompass the Early Modern Age. Topics for discussion will include the Renaissance, the growth of modern Europe, and the Age of Discovery.

The second section will focus on the Modern Age. Topics for discussion will include the Enlightenment, Revolutionary Europe, imperialism, and the coming of the world wars.

**Pre-requisite:** Eligible for English 101 or 101W

**Goals:** - To analyze the social, economic and political movements from the Renaissance through the modern age.

- To interpret history and historiography from the perspective of different cultural groups with attention to race, gender, ethnic and class issues.

- To foster a better overall understanding of the early history of Western Civilization and its relevance to life today.

**Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

- Analyze primary and secondary historical sources.
- Describe and define the concept of historical agency
- Analyze the Renaissance Period
  - o Discuss the importance of the following in the coming of the Renaissance:
    - The Roman Catholic Church
- Discuss the development of European kingdoms and nation states
  - o Describe the importance of states, people, groups, systems, and events such as:
    - England and the Normans
    - France, feudalism, manorialism,
- Explain the Protestant Reformation
  - o Identify and discuss the role of the following in the Reformation:
    - Martin Luther
    - Jean Cauvin
    - Henry VIII
- Discuss Absolutism
  - o Analyze the relative successes and failures of Absolutism in kingdoms such as:
    - Louis XIV's France
    - Peter I's Russia
- Analyze the Enlightenment
  - o Discuss political, philosophical, and economic developments with a special focus on:
    - John Locke
    - Adam Smith
  - o Describe the long term results in Europe and the world

- Analyze the French Revolution and Bonaparte
  - o Discuss the role of following:
    - Louis XVI
    - the American Revolution
    - the Estates General
    - Robespierre
    - Napoleon Bonaparte
  - o Analyze the succession of revolutionary governments
  - o Discuss the rise and fall of Bonaparte
  - o Illustrate the lasting effects of the Revolution
- Discuss the importance of the 19th Century in the development of Western Civilization
  - o Identify and discuss the importance of such "ism's" as:
    - nationalism
    - Marxism
    - Romanticism
    - imperialism
    - industrialism

Explain the coming of the world wars