

History of World War II online

SO413

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Course information:

Social Studies Department

Elective offering

1/2 credit

Honors level

Yearlong

Seniors and Juniors only

Must have taken US History

Instructor permission required. All perspective students need to meet with Mr. Faller.

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I. Course Description: This course is a 1/2 credit year long on-line offering. It will look at WWII from a world perspective. The course will focus on the war itself from German, British, French, Russian and American participants and histories.

Selective readings will be provided to the students via the Moeller X drive and then reading questions answered and discussed via on line discussions. Occasional meetings will be scheduled as needed. The student is required to complete all readings and participate in discussions. A quarterly research paper is required. The course is open to any Junior or Senior student who has completed US History.

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Academic Requirements:

- 1. Weekly readings of 20-65 pages.**
- 2. Written responses to questions typically 4-8 paragraphs.**
- 3. Quarterly 10-15 page research papers using MLA format. Fully cited with maps, charts and pictures.**
- 4. Participation in discussion blogs.**
- 5. Summer reading with quiz in the fall.**
- 6. Weekly time requirement depends on reading speed, but typically 2-5 hours per week.**

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This course is designed for the serious WWII enthusiast. It is a military examination of the war with limited economic, political and social examinations. Equal focus will be given to the study of the different theaters of war including European, Mediterranean, Eastern Front and Pacific theaters. The readings are a variety of first person accounts and traditional historical accounts.

The quarterly term papers are theme based. Quarter 1 is early WWII 1939-1941, Quarter 2 is Russian front, 3rd quarter is Pacific Theater, and 4th quarter is late war Europe 1943-1944.

The structure of the term paper is 1/3 is a report on a battle, 1/3 is a report on a leader who was in the battle and 1/3 is a report on a weapon system used in the battle. Typical length is 12 pages plus citations and illustrations.

When possible we take a 4th quarter field trip to a shooting range and fire WWII firearms and meet with WWII veterans.