

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: HIS 267

Credits: 3

Course Title: The Second World War

Course Description: Examines causes and consequences of the Second World War. Includes the rise of totalitarianism, American neutrality, military developments, the home fronts, diplomacy, and the decision to use the atomic bomb. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Introduce students to the Second World War and its impact on contemporary world affairs.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Understand the causes of World War II;
- b. Explain the rise of dictatorships in Europe;
- c. Understand the road to war;
- d. Explain the term Blitzkrieg;
- e. Understand the complications in the north, Finland, Denmark, and Norway during the war;
- f. Explain the fall of France;
- g. Understand how the war became a global war;
- h. Explain how America joined the war;
- i. Understand the war at sea and on land; and
- j. Explain the outcome of the war and its consequences.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Origins of World War II
- b. The Rise of Dictators
- c. The Road to War
- d. Germany on the Move
- e. Blitzkrieg
- f. The Fall of France
- g. Never Surrender
- h. The War Becomes Global
- i. Operation Barbarossa
- j. Hitler's New World Order
- k. A Day That Will Live in Infamy
- l. America Enters the War
- m. Japan Triumphant, December 1941-May 1942
- n. Island Hopping in the Pacific
- o. Final victory, VJ Day

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