

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIS 102 – HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION II (3 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Examines the development of western civilization from ancient times to the present. Part II of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

Surveys the general history of the Western world from about 1600 CE to the present and allows students to reach a basic understanding of the characteristic features of the Western world's historical development in that span of time. Students will learn about some of the important political, economic, social, intellectual, cultural and religious changes that shaped the development of West in this period of time.

**Course Prerequisite/Corequisite**

None

**Course Objectives**

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

- Establish a chronology of historical events in the Western world since 1600 CE. (Addresses general education objectives C and D under information literacy.)
- Explain the changing geopolitical structures of the Western world up since 1600 CE. (Addresses general education objective A and E under culture and social understanding.)
- Define the importance of key individuals and developments in Western civilization before 1600 CE. (Addresses general education objective C and D under information literacy.)
- Identify the social, economic and political forces at work in the evolution of modern Western history. (Addresses general education objectives A and E under cultural and social understanding.)
- Recognize and describe the significance of some of the cultural achievements of modern Western civilization. (Addresses general education objective C under culture and social understanding.)
- Analyze complex historical sources and materials and reach conclusions based on interpretations of those materials. (Addresses general education objectives A and B under communication and objective d under critical thinking.)

**Major Topics to be Included**

- The age of absolutism
- Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment
- French Revolution
- Industrial Revolution
- Nationalism
- Imperialism
- Marxism and Communism
- World War I
- World War II
- Decolonization
- The Problems of “Modernization”
- Cold War