

Subject Information List

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Faculty: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Subject code	Subject name: Global Clashes: 20th Century History
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly 90 minute meetings, in person, including seminar and lecture.	
Number of credits: 5 credits	
Suggested semester: Semester	
Level of studies: Bachelor's Degree students (1)	
Conditional previous subjects: no prerequisite	
Requirements for the course: Active participation based upon class readings is absolutely necessary and therefore accounts for twenty five percent of the overall grade. There will be two written examinations which will each account for fifteen percent of the overall grade. Each student will complete two presentations throughout the semester focused on a non-western country before and after WWII. Each presentation will account for fifteen percent of the overall grade. Written reflections throughout the semester will account for the remaining fifteen percent of the grade. The grading scale is as follows: A – excellent: 100-93%; B – very good: 92-84%; C – good: 83-74%; D – satisfactory: 73-63%; E – sufficient: 62-51%; Fx – fail: 50-0%.	
Learning outcomes: The aim of this course is to provide students with a better understanding of major historical developments in society, politics, economics, religion, and culture during the 20 th century. This course strives to put a global perspective on the major events of the defining 20 th century to provide a better understanding of how global clashes helped to create the world we live in today. Students will be asked to consider the perspective and motivations of various actors (individuals, groups, nations, or alliances) and to assess the value of different historical sources and approaches to writing history. Along with increased historical understanding, students will cultivate better critical thinking and analytical skills that can be applied in a range of academic and practical settings.	
Brief outline of the course: Leading Up to WWI, World War I, From Imperial Russia to the Soviet Union, the Interwar West, Fascism Takes Hold of Italy and Spain, National Socialism in Germany, Chinese Civil War, Imperial Japan, World War II, Holocaust, Cold War, Anglo-American Alliance, Fall of Communism, Global Integration, Separatism, Asian Powerhouses, Nonwestern World	
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Language of the course: English

Notes:

Evaluation

Total number of evaluated students:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)

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