A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course is a general overview of the history of communism. It examines how the theories of Carl Marx were put to practice by leaders such as Lenin, Stalin and Mao. The class focuses on the antagonism between communist and noncommunist states and on the impact the communist regimes had on the people who lived under them.

B. Course Effective Dates: 01/25/2000 - 05/04/2002 05/04/2002 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Broadly understands the emergence and development of socialism and communism as political ideologies, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
2. Grasps how and why Russia underwent a socialist revolution and how socialism in the Soviet Union developed over time, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
3. Understands fundamental Marxist theory and its relationship to other socialist theories, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.
4. Understands why the Soviet system eventually came into crisis and the reasons for the revolutions of 1989 that signaled the fall of Communist regimes in Europe, consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctively characteristic of upper-division courses completed at a comprehensive university.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

None