

APPROVAL FORM

Rev: 5/82

Proposal Title: HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II

Sponsor(s): Dr. Bruce Gross, Dr. Sidney P. Messler Dept.: HISTORY

Check one: Course Specialization Concentration Achievement Certificate

(please name: deletion or credit/title/catalog change) Minor Change Major Program

Certification Program Undergraduate Graduate Credit Hour

Step 1 (Department)

Step 2 (Receipt)

Step 3 (Division CC)

Approved 1/29/85
date

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Dept. CC Chairperson

Proposal Received 1/29/85
date

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Comments:

Dr. B. M. Portefield
Chairperson, Dept.

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Chairperson, SCC

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Chairperson, Div. Curr. Comm.

Step 4 (Academic Dean)

Comments:

Reviewed 5/9/85
date

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Signature, Dean of Division

Step 5 (SCC)

Open Hearing Date: 5/12/85 Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 5/12/85 (date)

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

Step 6 (Faculty Senate)

Presented to Faculty Senate (date): 5/12/85

Approved
 Not Approved

Notification to Vice-President Academic Affairs (date): 5/12/85

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Signature: SCC Chairperson

GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE
Glassboro, New Jersey

REPORT OF SHORT TERM COURSE OFFERING

Title of Course World War II
Course Number 4038 Credit Hours 3 Undergraduate - Graduate (Circle One)
Sponsoring Department History Staff Member Assigned Kress/Kessler
Term Offered Spring, 1984 Time Period If Not Full Term _____
Location Robinson: 201B Number of Students Enrolled 50

I. Brief description of the course:

This course studied the causes & events of the Second World War with special attention to diplomatic and military history, personalities, and cultural trends of the war.

II. Recommendation for future consideration:

A. I do not recommend that this course be offered again.

Comments:

Since this topic represents a landmark era in world civilization, it can be approached from an interdisciplinary or traditional point of view. We strongly recommend that this course be considered for the future plans of the College.

B. I recommend that this course be considered by the College Curriculum Committee for approval for subsequent offering.

Comments:

III. Attachments - Please attach to this form the following:

- A. Student evaluations and comments regarding the course offering.
- B. Colleague evaluations and comments regarding the course offering.
- C. Copy of final proposal.

- 1. Short Term Proposal w/ Addendum
- 2. Syllabus
- 3. Term Paper Requirement

Signed: *A. R. M. Patterson*
Department Chairperson

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DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Jul 24, 1984

To: Kenneth Clay, Dean of Academic Administration
From: Alan Donovan

I am writing you on behalf of the short term course "The History of World War II," which was offered during the Spring 1984 Semester and was team taught by Prof. Sidney Kessler and Dr. Lee Kress of the History Department. I attended two sessions of the course on, I believe, March 26th and 28th and heard both faculty lecture. By the way, although my background is primarily in American Literature, I did have a good deal of 20th Century American History and thus feel both comfortable and qualified to offer this as an evaluation.

Probably the most unique and positive aspect of this course is that each of the instructors brings a somewhat different perspective to the events of World War II - Prof. Kessler primarily a political perspective (along with a great deal of intensive work on the Holocaust) and Dr. Kress that of a military historian. The two sessions I attended dealt with discussions of the political leaders of the war - Roosevelt, Hitler, Stalin and, to a lesser extent, Tojo. The students were able to benefit thus from Prof. Kessler's fascinating detailing of the political nature and environment of these leaders. Equally fascinating was Dr. Kress's explanation of each leader's involvement, to whatever extent, in the military conduct of the war. I found each lecturer well in command of the material, clear in presentation and incisive. In each case, there were opportunities for a question and answer period; from the nature of students' questions, it seemed that most had an excellent grasp of the material covered to date. Handouts were also made available in order to supplement the lectures and assigned readings.

In terms of concept, content and delivery, my evaluation of this course is excellent and I believe it is well worthy of being made a regular course.

AD/bhp

cc: Sidney Kessler
Lee Kress ✓

MEMO

Glassboro State College

To Professors Sidney Kessler and Lee Bruce Kress

Re Peer Evaluation of the course "World War II" given during the Spring, 1984 semester

Date December 4, 1984

From Marie G. Wanek, Professor of History
History Department

The course entitled "World War II," as approved by the Short-term Course Committee, was team-taught by Professor Sidney Kessler and Lee Bruce Kress during the Spring, 1984 semester. Instruction included the use of visual aids (movies, slides, maps, etc.) and guest lecturers were invited to speak within the fields of their expertise pertinent to the subject matter of the course. I was one of the guest lecturers on the subject of the historic background of China's involvement.

The texts used for the course were Total War by Peter Calvocoressi and Guy Wint and Once There Was a War by John Steinbeck. These are well-chosen texts, the former being a very comprehensive history and the latter developing one special aspect of the war experience.

During the semester my colleagues and I had various discussions concerning the purpose and progress of the course; I had a chance to experience the dynamics of the class by giving my lecture; and I have had some conversations with students taking the course, some of whom were also my students. The overall impression I have is that "World War II" was an excellent course taught with a variety of approaches, which reached a diverse student body---history majors and non-majors alike. The team-teaching by two professors with different expertises pertinent to the subject made for some lively discussions between them as well as among the students and as between students and the teaching team.

Unquestionably the course satisfies a real need in the curriculum since the period of World War II is a crucial one in history and has so deeply affected the world in which our students now live. I would like to commend my colleagues for their initiative, creativity and hard work in planning and teaching this course, and to encourage making this course a permanent part of the curriculum.

Marie G. Wanek

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February 12, 1985

Dr. Lee Kress
History Department
Glassboro State College

Dear Lee,

I have just reviewed your proposal for a course on the history of World War II, and believe that it will be a very valuable addition to the curricula. The topical outline furnished is both comprehensive and balanced. It provides a wonderful opportunity to explore the historical perspectives of a global crisis that is both fascinating and relevant to our current world situation. The subject matter is of particular interest to social scientists, providing an excellent opportunity to interweave political, social, geographic, economic and psychological factors in an historical context. The course will provide fresh and deeper insights to the students. It is therefore highly recommended by myself and other department members with whom I have discussed it.

Sincerely,

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Wade R. Currier
Chairman
Department of Geography/Anthropology

WRC/j



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February 14, 1985

Dr. Lee Kress
Professor of History
Robinson Building
Glassboro State College

Dear Lee:

I read with interest your proposal for a new course on World War II History. Certainly it can be argued that World War II was a watershed in modern history. Its impact on global power relationships, the anti-colonial movements and the creation of a much more complicated system of international arrangements are obvious. For these reasons, the course would be essential for those who wish to understand the major historical-political transformations of the last half-century. Certainly this will be a course that we publicize to our own majors.

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Johnson, Ph.D., Chairman
Political Science Department

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Feb. 11, 1985

Lee Kress
History Department
Glassboro State College
Glassboro, N.J. 08028

Dear Lee:

I'm pleased to support your effort to have History of World War II made a permanent course.

Your request to me arrived the same day I finished reading the just-published "A Time for Trumpets: The Untold Story of the Battle of the Bulge," by Charles B. MacDonald, the former deputy chief historian of the U.S. Army.

I mention the book because I see it as just one of the many books, articles, films and television shows that I've seen or heard about just in the past year.

I think this shows the popular interest is there. We would, I think, be remiss if we failed to offer a course that would allow students to learn even more about this important period in our history. I'm also convinced that they need to know more about it because so much of our history, both before and after the war, is tied to that cataclysmic event.

I also enjoyed my session with the class last year. I was surprised and pleased that you included a class on the quality of the reporting done during the war. I see that as an important element, and I hope you continue it.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack".

Jack R. Gillespie
Communications Department



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

February 6, 1985

Professors Sidney H. Kessler and Lee B. Kress
Department of History
Glassboro State College
Glassboro,, NJ 08028

Dear Professors Sidney H. Kessler and Lee B. Kress:

I wish to endorse and support your proposal for a new course World War II. All wars, as a part of social interaction are important in terms of their understanding, and impact on human lives long after the event. Systematic study of a war would allow to identify the conflicts among international powers and direct us towards preventing them in the future; even serious nuclear wars.

Both of you professors are highly qualified and experienced in teaching a course of global nature such as this.

Majors from Sociology and other Social Sciences would benefit from World War II course as an elective and complementary to Social issues or problems. I wish you the best,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manju Sheth".

Manju Sheth
Assistant Professor

7. Additional Comments

None

VI. *Cavalry* (1870-1875)

This section contains a list of names of cavalry regiments and their respective dates of formation. The text is somewhat faint and difficult to read, but appears to be a list of military units.