**Course Outline**

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| **Mekdela Amba University**  **College of Social Sciences and Humanities** | | | | | | | |
| Course code | | | | HiHm2048 | | | |
| Course Title | | | | Global Developments since the 1945 | | | |
| Degree program | | | | BA in History and Heritage Management | | | |
| Module Name | | | | Global History | | | |
| Module code | | | | HiHm2041 | | | |
| Working hours to complete the  Course | Lecture | | Assessment | | Tutorial | Home Study | Total |
| 25 | | 23 | | 10 | 50 | 108 |
| Target Group | | Second year History and Heritage Management major students | | | | | |
| Year/semester | | Year II, Semester, II | | | | | |
| Pre-requisites | | All World History Courses | | | | | |
| Statues of the course | | Compulsory | | | | | |

Course Description

This course covers history of the world since 1945 to the contemporary world. It deals with the historical developments that took place during this period. Accordingly, it gives much focus to the situations after the Second World War such as the UNO, the Cold War, Post – WWI World, (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and Decolonization in Asia, Africa and Latin America) Generally the major topical issue that are going to be covered in this course are: The consequences of WWII (the UN, War crime trials, the cold War, Military Blocks, Economic Groupings), Post WWII Western World (Europe and USA), Eastern Europe, Peoples Democracies and the USSR; Decolonization, Wars, Revolutions, The United States and other European countries after 1945 Politico economic and social situations, the dissolution of the communist bloc, Causes and consequences. In addition, the Middle East and Islamic fundamentalism, cold war and the collapse of the communist blocs.

**Course Objectives: At the end of this course, students will be able to:**

* Describe the consequences of the WWII
* Evaluate the Scio-economic features of the world in the post-world war two.
* Examine the political condition of the world during the cold war.
* Assess the sweeping changes that took place in the contemporary world.
* Identify and discuss the major contemporary historical issues of the world.
* Identify the major problems facing the contemporary world

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| **Week** | **Contents** | **Sub contents** | **Tasks** | | **Reading Materials** |
| Week One | **Chapter One: THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR** | 1.1 THE AFTERMATH OF THE WAR  1.2 THE NUREMBERG COURT  1.3. THE FORMATION OF THE UNITED NATION ORGANIZATION (UNO) | Discussion,  Gap Lecture,  Reflection | | Wayne C. McWilliams and  Harry Piotrowski,The World  since 1945A History of  International  Relations.PP.11-29 |
|  | **Chapter Two: THE COLD WAR** | 2.1 EASTERN EUROPE “PUPPET REGIMES”  2.2 THE TWO SUPER POWERS  2.3 MILITARY BLOCS | Lecture  Discussion  and  Debate | | Calvocoressi, L.S. *World Politics Since 1945*.( Hong Kong: Common wealth1995).  Howarth, T*. The World Since 1900.(* Hong Kong: Longman Ltd., 1979). |
|  | **Chapter Three: THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AFTER 1945** | 3.1 POST-WAR AMERICA  3.2 POST-WAR BRITAIN | Lecture and  discussion | M. Chamber s (et.al). *The Western Experience.* (New York: Von Hottmann, 1999).  T. Mowarth . *The World Since* 1900 *(*Kong Long Man, 1979). | |

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|  | | **Chapter Four: THE DISINTEGRATION OF COLONIALISM IN ASIA AND AFRICA** | | 4.1 FACTORS THAT HASTENED DECOLONIZATION  4.2 INDIA WON INDEPENDENCE  4.3 PAKISTAN EMERGED AS STATE | | Gap Lecture,  debates,  discussions  Question  and Answer | | T. Mowarth . *The World Since* 1900 *(*Kong Long Man, 1979).  B. O’ Callaghan. *A History* *of the* *Twentieth Century*. (London: Long Man, 1990) | |
|  | | **UNIT Five:**  **THE MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM** | | 5.1 ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM  5.2 IRAN – IRAQ WAR (1980 – 1988) | |  | | Palmer, R.R., *A History of Modern World* (Boston: MC- Grow Hill, 2002).  Watson, J., *Success in World History Since 1945*. (Great Britain: Antenaeum, 1994 | |
|  | | **CHAPTER SIX:**  **The collapse of the Soviet Union** | | 6.1. Towards the end of the Cold War (1985–1989)  6.2. The collapse of the Communist bloc | | Gap Lecture,  debates,  discussions and  Question and  Answer | | Palmer, R. and Colton, J *A History of the Modern World*.( New York: Me Graw Hill, 1995).  West Wood, J.N. *Endurance and Endeavour, Russian History 1812-1992*.( Oxford: Oxford University, 1993). | |