



**Code: HIST-03/A**

**Credits: 12**

**Matter: Contemporary History**

**Main language of instruction: Italian**

**Other language of instruction: English**

### **Teaching Staff**

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### **Prerequisites**

None

### **Objectives**

The course addresses the main historical events of global history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in the perspective of the six major powers.

The course main objectives are:

1. Analyze the situation and the political action of the six main powers in the 20<sup>th</sup> century
2. Focus on the relations among them and with other States
3. Recognize the most important actors of the international policy in the 20<sup>th</sup> century
4. Understand the European extent of the Italian relations with Middle East and North African countries.
5. Develop the ability to judge economic and political problems
6. Develop the ability to interpret historical data, military and strategic elements of the great powers.

### **Competencies:**

1. Understanding of the main events and theories of contemporary history.
2. Ability to critically address the main historiographical problems.
3. Ability to understand the nexus between political history and economic matters.
4. Public Speaking and communication skills
5. Analytical Writing.

### **Syllabus**

*Programme of the course:*



The course is organized in 6 topics.

### **Topic 1. US**

- The influence of the 3 main US presidents
- National ideology
- Difficulty to face multipolarity

### **Topic 2. Japan**

- The Empire
- WW2
- An Eastern champion of the Western World

### **Topic 3. Turkey**

- The Empire
- The influence on the Mediterranean Sea

### **Topic 4. China**

- Communism
- The evolution in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

### **Topic 5. India**

- Colonialism
- Post-colonial period
- Democracy

### **Topic 6. Germany**

- Nationalism
- WW2
- European integration

### **Evaluation system and criteria**

The final exam consists of an in-person presentation to the examination board of a paper that explains the topics of the course and includes the following sections: introduction, main findings, conclusion, and bibliography (if sources other than the textbook have been used). The paper must be submitted by email to Prof. Flavia De Lucia Lumeno a few days before the final exam.

In the essay, the students have to demonstrate their skills in learning, understanding, making judgements, communicating. The essay can be in English or Italian.

### **Bibliography and resources**

#### *1. Materials to consult:*

Video-lessons, teachers' handout and e-tivities.

#### *2. Recommended bibliography:*

M. Green-N. Szechenyi, A Global History of the Twentieth Century: Legacies and Lessons from six national perspectives, CSIS, 2017