# **SECTION HEADING**

# HIST 2202: Modern American Wars

## Description

Modern American Wars begins with an examination of the Spanish-American War, then examines World Wars I & II, the causes and peace settlements of each, and the significance of each conflict. The course moves on to a study of the Cold War and its associated conflicts, concluding with an analysis of recent developments including the War on Terror. The course addresses social, political, and economic questions from an ethical perspective.

#### Credits

3

#### Prerequisite

STSK 0095 or placement by Multiple Measures.

#### **Topics to be Covered**

- 1. Spanish-American War
- 2. World Wars I & II
- 3. Cold War
- 4. Korean Conflict
- 5. Vietnam War
- 6. Terrorism/War on Terror

## **Learning Outcomes**

- 1. Define different political ideologies and explain their effect on cultures, societies & nations.
- 2. Locate cities and nations on a map.
- 3. Recognize the causes and outcomes of conflict.
- 4. State the impact of earlier decisions on current situations.
- 5. Examine the ethical dilemmas and decision-making in warfare.
- 6. Identify key terms, places, events and personalities of modern warfare.

#### **Credit Details**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

OJT: 0

MnTC Goal Area(s): Goal Area 05 - History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences Goal Area 09 - Ehtical and Civic Responsibility

#### Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal Area 05: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences

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

Goal Area 09: Ethical and Civic Responsibility

- 1. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.
- 2. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
- 3. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.

4. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.

5. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.