History 132 – Section 2
World War Two

Fall 2018, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:30 to 2:45 pm
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This course will cover the military, political, diplomatic, economic and social aspects of the Second World War. Lectures and discussion sessions will be supplemented by the screening of videos dealing with different aspects of the war – ranging from the 1919 Versailles Treaty to specific battles on land and sea as well as atrocities committed by the Japanese in Nanking, China, and the Holocaust in Eastern Europe perpetrated by the Nazi regime. We will also examine the argument for dropping atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the internment of Japanese Americans in concentration camps in the United States. Students will read about the home fronts in the Soviet Union, Germany and France and write a comparative essay on this subject. Students will also watch three feature-length films on the war (at home) and write a critical review comparing the three films. Finally, each student will pick a general who led troops in the war and make a classroom presentation on their respective choices.