



# CHIPOLA COLLEGE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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**COURSE TITLE:**

Current Affairs

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**COURSE NUMBER:**

HIS 1930, 1931, 2932 and 2933

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION (with prerequisites):**

A study of events of the world today based on coverage in current periodicals, radio, and television. Emphasis is placed on the development of informal judgments about public affairs by the student. Open to all students for a maximum of four semesters. A student may pursue only one Current Affairs course during a given semester unless special consent is given by the department.

Please note the course numbers above and do not sign up for the same course number twice.

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**NAME(S) OF INSTRUCTORS:**

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**EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR:**

2011-12

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES:**

No assigned text. However students will be expected to use the mass media for information on current issues.

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**GRADING POLICY:**

The standing of a student in each course is expressed by one of the following letters and corresponding grading system:

**A – 90 – 100**

**B – 80 – 89**

**C – 70 – 79**

**D – 60 – 69**

**F – 59 or less**

The Chipola Catalog provides policies and procedures regarding the grading system. A student's Grade Point Average is derived from the grading system/quality point scale.

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**ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL POLICIES:**

Chipola College expects regular attendance of all students. Students who are absent from classes for any reason other than official college activities must satisfy the instructor concerned that the absence was due to illness or other clearly unavoidable

reasons. Otherwise, the student may suffer grade loss at the discretion of the instructor. Chipola policy allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout whether or not an absence is excusable and what affect the absence or tardy may have on the grade.

A student is allowed to repeat a course a maximum of three (3) times. **On the third attempt a student (1) must bear the full cost of instruction (unless waived by Student Services), (2) cannot withdraw, and (3) must receive a grade.**

#### **MAKE-UP POLICY:**

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Chipola allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout the makeup policy.

#### **ACADEMIC HONOR CODE POLICY:**

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Students are expected to uphold the Academic Honor Code. Chipola College's Honor Code is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility to (1) uphold the highest standards of academic honesty in his/her own work; (2) refuse to tolerate academic dishonesty in the college community; and (3) foster a high sense of honor and social responsibility on the part of students. Further information regarding the Academic Honor Code may be found in the Chipola Catalog, Student Governance section.

#### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**

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Chipola College is committed to making all programs and facilities accessible to anyone with a disability. Chipola's goal is for students to obtain maximum benefit from their educational experience and to effectively transition into the college environment. Students with disabilities are requested to voluntarily contact the Office of Students with Disabilities to complete the intake process and determine their eligibility for reasonable accommodations.

#### **LIBRARY AND ON-LINE REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

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The library is a comprehensive learning resource center providing information in print, electronic, and multimedia format to support the educational objectives of the College. On-line catalogs, e-books and electronic databases can be accessed by using the *LINCCWeb* icon on the Chipola Library website at [www.chipola.edu/library](http://www.chipola.edu/library). If you have questions about database usage consult the "How to Use the Chipola Databases" on the Library website or call the Library at 850/718-2274 during regular hours. Library hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website. See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor recommendations and resources.

#### **TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:**

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The **Information Technology Center**, located in the library, is equipped with computer workstations. Lab hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website. The **ACE Lab**, located in Building L, is available for tutoring and is equipped with computer workstations. Lab hours are posted each semester at the room entrance. The college's learning management system is **Desire 2 Learn** (d2l). Classes

become available on d2l on the first day of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to log onto the d2l system the first day of class to establish the first day of attendance and to check announcements. For further information, contact your instructor or the Director of Online Learning.

#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE:**

All electronic devices such as cell phones, beepers, pagers, and related devices are to be silenced prior to entering classrooms and/or laboratories to avoid disruption. Should it become necessary for a student to leave his/her "device" on to send or receive an emergency call and/or text message, the student must inform the instructor prior to class. If the student finds it necessary to send and/or receive an emergency call and/or text message during class/lab time, he/she is instructed to take all books and belongings and step outside the classroom to deal with the situation. To minimize classroom disruption and the distraction to classmates, the student will not be permitted to reenter the classroom during that class period. Any time a test is being administered, all such devices must be turned off and put away. If a device is seen or heard during an exam, a score of zero will be given for that exam. Initial and repeated infractions may result in disciplinary action.

#### **DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

HIS 1930, HIS 1931, HIS 2932, and HIS 2933 are not part of the General Education core courses in Area 1, Social Sciences (SS)

- SS-1 Identify theories and research that behavioral scientists use to explain and investigate behaviors and social trends.
- SS-2 Use appropriate social, historical, and psychological methods to analyze contemporary issues in public policy.
- SS-3 Identify behavioral, historical, social, political, and economic issues from the global perspective.
- SS-4 Describe the social, behavioral, historical, political, and economic sciences as interrelated disciplines.
- SS-5 Explore and explain the personal, social, and historical implications of technology.
- SS-6 Identify ways to promote understanding of differences and commonalities within diverse cultures.

**LINKING COURSE-LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES WITH DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES, ASSESSMENT METHODS, AND ARTIFACTS**

<b>COURSE-LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR HIS 1930, 1931, 2932, 2933</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES</b>	<b>LEARNING ARTIFACTS FOR AA PROGRAM ASSESSMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hypothesize how current events today can be relevant for future studies in American or world History.</li> </ul>	SS-4, SS-5,	D, R	Written research reports. Copy of exams.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make intelligent judgments and reasonable conclusions after being supplied with information from a variety of sources.</li> </ul>	SS-1 SS-2, SS-3 SS-4, SS-5	D,Q	Written response to discussion topics, Online chat records.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulate and share opinions on controversial issues.</li> </ul>	SS-1,SS-2, SS-3, SS-4	D,R	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and evaluate ideas and contemporary practices that are affecting the lives of people from diverse cultural backgrounds.</li> </ul>	SS-1, SS-2, SS-3 SS-4, SS-5, SS-6	D, R, Q	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and contrast the discrepancies between ideologies and systems and theory and practices in diverse cultures.</li> </ul>	SS-2,SS-4, SS-5	D, R,Q	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and compare the similarities and differences between contemporary and historical issues.</li> </ul>	SS-2, SS-3	D,R	

**\*\*Assessment Codes**

<p><b>T</b> = Tests  <b>Pre/Post</b> = Pre- and Post-Tests  <b>OT</b> = Objective Tests  <b>UT</b> = Unit Tests  <b>Q</b> = Quizzes  <b>F</b> = Final Examination  <b>CF</b> = Cumulative Final  <b>EX</b> = Departmental Exam  <b>SE</b> = Nat'l or State Standardized Exam</p>	<p><b>RPT</b> = Report/Presentation  <b>SP</b> = Skills Performance  <b>SD</b> = Skills Demonstration  <b>W</b> = Writing Assignments  <b>E</b> = Essays  <b>DE</b> = Documented Essays  <b>RP</b> = Research papers  <b>J</b> = Jury  <b>R</b> = Recital</p>	<p><b>Proj.</b> = Projects  <b>Exp.</b> = Experiments  <b>Cap. Proj.</b> = Capstone Project  <b>Cap. Course</b> = Capstone Course  <b>Prac.</b> = Practicum  <b>Intern.</b> = Internship  <b>H</b> = Homework  <b>PS</b> = Problem Solving  <b>DB</b> = Discussion Board</p>	<p><b>BO</b> = Behavioral Observation  <b>Clin.</b> = Clinicals  <b>CS</b> = Case Study  <b>CP</b> = Case Plan  <b>Port.</b> = Portfolio  <b>Obs.</b> = Teacher Observation  <b>Sk. Check</b> = Skills Check-off  Curriculum Frameworks  <b>JP</b> = Judged Performance/Exhibition</p>
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**MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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1. View mass media daily
2. Attend and/or participation in class discussions.
3. Participate in class chats
4. Submission of written reports on specified topics.
5. All courses taught under the auspices of the Social and Behavioral Sciences will include an oral component, oral presentations and or classroom discussions.

**ASSIGNMENT AND/OR COURSE OUTLINE**

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See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor assignment schedule.