

History 1112: World Civilization Since 1500
Fall 2011 T/TH 2:00-3:15

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Course Objectives:

This semester, we will explore the major social, cultural, political, and economic themes in World history from 1500 to the Present. This class puts less emphasis on dates and figures and more focus on change over time, the cause and effects of those changes, and specifically why those changes took place. Special attention will be devoted to the historical changes and problems of economic and social development on a global scale, particularly how this development (or lack thereof) affected and affects society, culture, the status of diverse peoples, and the distribution of wealth and resources at the global level.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate the ability to think historically through understanding of the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of world history; comprehension of causal relationships and patterns of change and continuity over time; or awareness of the social significance of ethnicity, gender, race, and class in historical events and study. Students will also demonstrate an understanding of the commonalities and differences among two or more societies, nations, or cultures outside of the United States in regard to language, literature, aesthetics, politics, economics, as well as social and cultural practices.

Textbook: (on reserve in the library and in the campus bookstore)

Duiker and Spielvogel's *The Essential World History*. Vol II: Since 1500. ISBN 0-495-05054-7 Library Textbook Course Reserve Password is 173473

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Exams 90 % Syllabus Quiz 10%

*****Federal Privacy Laws and Grades*****

I cannot discuss grades or course progress with any student via email or over the phone. It must be in person. Furthermore, I cannot discuss grades or your progress in the course with your parents at all. If you would like to discuss any of your exam grades, your overall grade, or your progress in the course, it must be in person and I am happy to do so at any time. Just make an appointment and we'll talk.

Exams: 90%

You will have three exams over the course of the term, with each exam consisting of 30%

of your final grade. Each exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions and you will need to **provide a scantron** (see actual test dates for scantron form number). Study guides will be posted on-line a few weeks before the date of the exam to help you in your exam preparation. Each exam will begin at the start of class. If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will not be allowed to take the exam unless you have let me know ahead of time that you will be late and why.

Essay Exam Option

On occasion, I have students who would rather take a written exam rather than a multiple choice exam. That's fine if you want to do that. Just come see me a few days before the exam and I'll make arrangements. You will take this exam in class with everyone else. Just make sure you bring a blue book for your answers.

Make-up Exams

It is your responsibility to come see me in the event that you miss an exam. If you miss an exam for any reason, the ***make-up exam will be essay only. Furthermore, you have one week to make up the exam.*** For those of you who miss an exam for properly documented reasons, you should make arrangements with me as soon as possible for a make-up exam. If you do not have proper documentation, you will not be allowed to make up the exam. If you do not make up the exam in one week's time, you will be given an F for that exam (unless you are still sick and then your week make-up window will begin as soon as you return to school). If you schedule a make-up exam with me but fail to show up, you will not be given another chance to make up the exam and will receive an F for the exam. If you come to me at the end of the semester and have not made up an exam and request a make-up for a previously missed exam, the answer will be NO.

Testing Center Students

If you are a student who takes exams with Mrs. Taylor over in Strozier, please bring your paperwork to me as soon as possible so that I can make a note of it. If you are reading this and you have no idea what I am talking about, then this has nothing to do with you. Just ignore it.

Syllabus Quiz 10%

Since this syllabus is online, I've decided to give you a take home quiz on various aspects of the syllabus that will force you to actually access the syllabus and use it. The quiz will be available on my faculty webpage and will be due in hard copy only. Email submissions will not be accepted. There will be no make-up opportunities either.

Class Policies

Cell Phones: TURN THEM OFF!!!! I'm serious. I don't want to hear it, see it, even know that it exists. If you need them on for emergency purposes, please set the ring to vibrate only. If I hear a phone ring, you will be asked to leave the class, and don't even let me catch you using it to text or check voicemail. **Anyone texting in class will be asked to leave immediately. If you do it again, after already being caught once, you will be asked to leave the course and never come back.**

Attendance and Tardiness: I will not be taking attendance in this class. Excessive lateness is disruptive to the class, affecting your fellow students as well as me. If for any reason, you need to leave class early, please let me know ahead of time. In short, come on time and stay for the whole class. If you miss class, I suggest you borrow notes from a classmate. My notes are not available. Study groups are also encouraged, and will be of great benefit come exam time.

A Note about Academic Honesty:

I will not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty in this class, and any student found guilty will automatically receive a failing grade for the course. Any extra assignments given in class must be written in your own words, and will not consist of information found on the internet or from any outside source. If you plagiarize, you will receive no credit for that paper and you will be ejected from the course. Your name will be forwarded to through the appropriate channels, and I will recommend that UWG administration take action. Plagiarism is a serious offense and it can lead to your expulsion and/or suspension from the University.

Tentative Course Outline and Readings Assignments

Please be advised that this schedule is tentative, and could change at any time.

Week 1: The Age of Exploration

Tuesday, Aug 22: Introduction to Course

Thursday, Aug 24: The Maritime Revolution to 1550: *Chapter 13 to p377*

Week 2: Colonial Empires

Tuesday, Aug 30: Transformations in Europe: *Chapter 14*

Thursday, Sept 1: The Americas, 1530-1770: *Chap 13 to pg 377 and Chap 17 p488-490*

Week 3: Atlantic Slave Systems

Tuesday, Sept 6: The Slave Trade: *Chapter 13 pp 377-383* **SYLLABUS QUIZ DUE**

Thursday, Sept 8: Slavery in the Atlantic World: *No readings--in class lecture only*

Week 4: Revolution and Empire, 1750-1850

Tuesday, Sept 13: Atlantic Revolutions: *Chapter 17, Chapter 18 p525-527*

Thursday, Sept 15: Atlantic Revolutions continued: *Chapter 17, Chapter 18 p525-527*

Week 5: Rethinking Empire

Tuesday, Sept 20: Colonialism, Empire, and Re-evaluation: *No readings--in class lecture*

Thursday, Sept 22: EXAM 1 Don't forget to bring a scantron form NCS 229633

Week 6: The Shift to Imperialism

Tuesday, Sept 27: The Muslim Empires, 1500-1800: *Chapter 15*

Thursday, Sept 29: Africa, India, and the British Empire: *Chapter 20*

Week 7: The Non-Western World and Industry

Tuesday, Oct 4: Japan and China: *Chapter 16*

Thursday, Oct 6: The Industrial Revolution—Industry Meets Politics: *Chaps 18 & 19*

Week 8: Industrialization and Imperialism

Tuesday, Oct 11: Land Empires in the Age of Imperialism: *Begin Chapter 20*

Thursday, Oct 13: Imperialism and the Scramble for Africa: *Chap 20, begin Chap 22*

Week 9: The World at War

Tuesday, Oct 18: World War I: *Chapter 22*

Thursday, Oct 20: The Russian Revolution: *Finish Chapter 22*

Week 10: The Post War Era

Tuesday, Oct 25: EXAM 2 Don't forget to bring a scantron form NCS 229633

Thursday, Oct 27: Disarmament and the Rise of Hitler: *begin Chapter 24*

Week 11: The World at War...Again...

Tuesday, Nov 1: WWII *Chapter 24*

Thursday, Nov 3: The Holocaust-- *No readings--in class lecture*

Week 12: The Cold War

Tuesday, Nov 8: The Early Cold War—Europe: *finish chapter 24, begin 25*

Tuesday, Nov 10: Revolution in China: *Chapter 22 & 23*

Week 13: The Spread of Communism

Tuesday, Nov 15: Communist China: *Chapter 26 pp765-780*

Thursday, Nov 17: Korea and Vietnam *Chapter 25 728-743*

Week 14: Nov 21-25—Thanksgiving Break!!!

Week 15: The Cold War Thaws

Tuesday, Nov 29: The Cold War Latin America: *Chap 25 p735-737; Chap 27 p794-800*

Thursday, Dec 1: Crisis in the Middle East, and the End of the Cold War: *Lecture Only*

FINAL EXAM DEETS

According to The Scoop, our final is exam is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2-4 pm

COME ON TIME!!! Please bring scantron Form NCS 229633.

Final grades are posted on Banweb. I cannot discuss grades via email or over the phone, so please do not ask. It must be in person.