

SURVEY OF WORLD HISTORY / CIVILIZATION SINCE 1500

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Course Objectives

This course is designed to develop skills in understanding and appreciating the history of your own and other peoples' cultures. You will be introduced to important concepts, ideas, and events of world cultures that have shaped and continue to shape our world from 1500 to the present.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to distinguish different types of historical sources and demonstrate basic skills in essay and short-answer composition, map reading, and critical thinking. They will also increase their awareness of the multicultural nature of our world and gain the comparative perspective necessary to judge the roles played by Western Civilization and the United States in the wider world.

Course Requirements

Students will be expected to keep up with the reading. Because of the large amount of material to be covered, class attendance is absolutely essential. Attendance will be taken. You are allowed up to five absences for all reasons (including sporting events, illness, and family issues). More than five absences will result in the loss of 5% of your final grade. More than ten absences will result in the loss of 10% of your final grade. If you leave class early, you will be counted as absent.

I reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus. It is your responsibility to attend class so that you may be aware of any changes.

Grading

There will be three written examinations: a first midterm worth 20%, a second midterm worth 25%, and a final worth 30% of the final grade. There will be several assignments and quizzes, which together will count for 25% of the final grade. Class participation is encouraged, but disruptive behavior will be considered negative participation and may result in points taken out of your quiz grade. As noted above, excessive absences may result in the loss of up to 10% of your grade.

Your quiz and exam dates are noted on this syllabus. Do not make travel plans that conflict with your exam dates. No makeup quizzes will be given.

For each midterm and for the final exam, you will need to turn in a blank blue book with your name on the front cover at least one class meeting prior to the exam. I will mark these and return them at the exam time. No exams written in unmarked blue books will be accepted.

Academic Honesty

You are expected to be familiar with and abide by the university's policies on academic honesty. As a West Georgia student, you have pledged not to lie, cheat, steal, or commit plagiarism. It is equally wrong to give aid as it is to receive it. When copying word for word from another source, you must use quotation marks

and cite your source. When paraphrasing material or borrowing another author's ideas, you must also cite your source. Assignments are to be done independently. Two or more students cannot hand in variations of the same paper, even if they study together. You are not allowed to submit your own work from a previous course without the prior instructor's and my permission.

Special Accommodations

If you are on record with the university's Disability Services as having special academic or physical needs requiring accommodations, please meet with me during my regular office hours as soon as possible. We need to discuss your accommodations before they can be implemented. Also, please note that arrangements for special accommodations must be made at least one week before the exams.

If you believe you are eligible for accommodations but have not formally contacted Disability Services, please call (678) 839-6428 or drop by the Student Development Center at 272 Parker Hall.

Policy on Electronic Devices and Communication

Cell phones and pagers must be turned off prior to entering the classroom. Laptops are not to be used in the classroom. Do not text, check your messages, or use the internet on any device during class time. The use of any electronic device during a quiz or exam is strictly prohibited and will be considered a breach of academic honesty.

To protect your privacy, all electronic communication with me must be conducted through your West Georgia e-mail. As all e-mail is potentially insecure, I will only discuss your grades with you in person.

Required Books

Robert Strayer, *Ways of the World*. Bedford St. Martin's, 2009.

Kevin Reilly, *Worlds of History: A Comparative Reader, Volume Two: Since 1400*. Bedford St. Martin's, 2007.

Note: The two books are sold as a package under ISBN 9780312537203

Extra Credit Opportunities

You will be allowed up to 6 extra credit points for up to 3 short papers based on documents in the Reilly book or on selected campus events. Each paper should be a minimum of 3 pages (typed, double-spaced, 12-point font). All papers based on the Reilly book must be handed in by April 27, and each should analyze one of the following groups of documents:

Docs. 1, 2, & 3	Docs. 30, 31, & 32	Docs. 70, 71, & 72
Docs. 8, 9, & 10	Docs. 41, 45, & 46	Docs. 82, 86, & 87
Docs. 11 & 12	Docs. 42, 43, & 44	Docs. 83, 84, & 85
Docs. 14, 15, & 16	Docs. 54, 55, & 56	Docs. 89, 90, & 91
Docs. 21, 22, & 23	Docs. 57, 58, & 59	Docs. 93, 94, & 95
Docs. 24, 25, & 26	Docs. 61, 62, 63, & 64	

Course Schedule:

DATE	LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS	READINGS
Jan. 7	Introduction: The World in 1400-1500 The Asia-centered World Economy Handout for Map Quiz 1	Strayer, 363-72, 388-93

Jan. 12	The Americas	Strayer, 382-88
Jan. 14	Africa	Strayer, 366-67
Jan. 19	NO CLASS (Martin Luther King Day)	
Jan. 21	European Politics & Religion Map Quiz 1 Announce Assignment 1	Strayer, 372-73, 462-68
Jan. 26	European Exploration Europe and the East India Trade	Strayer, 403-09, 417-21, 433-45
Jan. 28	Colonial Latin and North America Assignment 1 due Announce Assignment 2	Strayer, 409-17, 445-48, 468-70
Feb. 2	East Asia: China & Japan	Strayer, 422-24, 578-79
Feb. 4	Islamic Empires: Turkey, Persia, & India Assignment 2 due Announce Assignment 3 Post study guide for First Midterm Exam	Strayer, 378-82, 424-29
Feb. 9	Scientific Revolution & Enlightenment	Strayer, 477-86
Feb. 11	The Atlantic Slave Trade & African Diaspora Assignment 3 due Announce Quiz 1	Strayer, 449-57
Feb. 16	First Midterm Exam	
Feb. 18	Revolution in the Atlantic World: U.S. & France	Strayer, 499-507
Feb. 23	Revolution in the Atlantic World: Haiti & Latin America Quiz 1	Strayer, 507-13
Feb. 25	19 th -century Ideologies & Politics	Strayer, 513-23
Mar. 2	Industrialization Last day to withdraw with a grade of W	Strayer, 527-33
Mar. 4	Social Impact of Industrialization	Strayer, 534-42
Mar. 9	Material Impact of Industrialization	

Mar. 11	North America in the 19 th Century	Strayer, 542-45
Mar. 16-18	NO CLASS (Spring Break)	
Mar. 23	Latin America in the 19 th Century Announce Quiz 2	Strayer, 548-54
Mar. 25	Imperialism Post study guide for Second Midterm Exam	Strayer, 587-613
Mar. 30	Non-Western Reactions to Imperialism Quiz 2 Announce Quiz 3	Strayer, 559-85
Apr. 1	Second Midterm Exam	
Apr. 6	First World War	Strayer, 625-32
Apr. 8	Interwar Period	Strayer, 633-45, 659-65
Apr. 13	Nationalism in Asia, Africa, and Latin America	Strayer, 665-67
Apr. 15	Second World War Quiz 3 Announce Assignment 4	Strayer, 645-53
Apr. 20	Cold War Post study guide for Final Exam	Strayer, 675-87
Apr. 22	Postcolonial Asia and Africa, Modern Middle East Assignment 4 due Handout for Map Quiz 2	Strayer, 671-73, 691-719
Apr. 27	Modern Latin America Last day to hand in extra credits	
Apr. 29	Globalization Map Quiz 2	Strayer, 723-52
May 4	Final Exam 5:30-7:30 PM	