

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 as well as map reading. They will also be able to improve their critical thinking skills as well as their awareness of the multicultural nature of our 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 10 absences will result in the loss of 10% of your final grade.

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 25%, a second midterm worth 30%, and a final worth 30% of the final grade. There will be several assignments and quizzes, which together will count for 15% 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.

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. The use of any electronic device during a quiz or exam is strictly prohibited. Any use of such devices during a quiz or exam 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:

Bentley, Jerry, and Herbert Ziegler. *Traditions and Encounters, Vol. 2*. McGraw Hill, 2006. ISBN 9780073195681

Kevin Reilly, *Worlds of History: A Comparative Reader, Volume Two: Since 1400*. Bedford/ St. Martin's, 2007. ISBN 9780312446864

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 Dec. 3. Each paper should analyze one of the following groups of documents:

Docs. 1, 2, & 3

Docs. 8, 9, & 10

Docs. 11 & 12

Docs. 14, 15, & 16

Docs. 21, 22, & 23

Docs. 24, 25, & 26

Docs. 30, 31, & 32

Docs. 41, 45, & 46

Docs. 42, 43, & 44

Docs. 54, 55, & 56

Docs. 57, 58, & 59

Docs. 61, 62, 63, & 64

Docs. 70, 71, & 72
Docs. 82, 86, & 87

Docs. 83, 84, & 85
Docs. 89, 90, & 91

Docs. 93, 94, & 95

Papers on campus events should be handed in no later than one week after the event. I will post some approved events on my website, and you will have to check with me for approval of other events.

Course Schedule:

DATE	LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS	READINGS
Aug. 15	Introduction: The World in 1400-1500	
Aug. 17	The Asia-centered World Economy Handout for Map Quiz 1	
Aug. 20	The Americas	Bentley, 665-686
Aug. 22	Africa	Bentley, 695-705
Aug. 24	European Religion & Politics Map Quiz 1 Announce Assignment 1	Bentley, 631-655
Aug. 27	European Religion & Politics	
Aug. 29	European Exploration	Bentley, 597-609
Aug. 31	Europe and the East India Trade	Bentley, 609-626
Sept. 3	NO CLASS (Labor Day)	
Sept. 5	Colonial Latin America Assignment 1 due	Bentley, Ch. 25
Sept. 7	Colonial North America Announce Assignment 2	
Sept. 10	East Asia: China	Bentley, 723-741
Sept. 12	East Asia: Japan	Bentley, 741-749
Sept. 14	Islamic Empires: Turkey Assignment 2 due Announce Assignment 3	Bentley, Ch. 28

Sept. 17	Islamic Empires: Persia & India Hand out study guide for First Midterm Exam	Bentley, Ch. 28
Sept. 19	Scientific Revolution & Enlightenment	Bentley, 655-661
Sept. 21	The Atlantic Slave Trade Assignment 3 due	Bentley, 706-712
Sept. 24	The African Diaspora Announce Quiz 1	Bentley, 712-718
Sept. 26	First Midterm Exam	
Sept. 28	Revolution in the Atlantic World: U.S. & France	Bentley, 781-793
Oct. 1	Revolution in the Atlantic World: Haiti & Latin America Quiz 1	Bentley, 793-798
Oct. 3	19 th -century Ideologies & Politics	Bentley, 798-812
Oct. 5	19 th -century Ideologies & Politics	
Oct. 8	Industrialization Last day to withdraw with a grade of W	Bentley, 815-825
Oct. 10	Social Impact of Industrialization	Bentley, 825-842
Oct. 12	NO CLASS (Fall Break)	
Oct. 15	Social Impact of Industrialization video	
Oct. 17	Material Impact of Industrialization	
Oct. 19	North America in the 19 th Century	Bentley, Ch. 31
Oct. 22	Latin America in the 19 th Century Announce Quiz 2	
Oct. 24	Imperialism Hand out study guide for Second Midterm Exam	Bentley, Ch. 33
Oct. 26	Imperialism	

Oct. 29	Non-Western Reactions to Imperialism Quiz 2	Bentley, Ch. 32
Oct. 31	Non-Western Reactions to Imperialism Announce Quiz 3	Bentley, Ch. 32
Nov. 2	Second Midterm Exam	
Nov. 5	First World War	Bentley, Ch. 34
Nov. 7	First World War video	
Nov. 9	Interwar Period Quiz 3	Bentley, Ch. 35
Nov. 12	Nationalism in Asia, Africa, and Latin America	Bentley, Ch. 36
Nov. 14	Nationalism in Asia, Africa, and Latin America	
Nov. 16	Second World War Announce Assignment 4	Bentley, Ch. 37
Nov. 19	Second World War video	
Nov. 21-23	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)	
Nov. 26	Cold War Hand out study guide for Final Exam	Bentley, Ch. 38
Nov. 28	Postcolonial Asia and Africa Handout for Map Quiz 2	Bentley, Ch. 39
Nov. 30	Modern Middle East Assignment 4 due	Bentley, Ch. 39
Dec. 3	Modern Latin America Last day to hand in extra credits	Bentley, Ch. 39
Dec. 5	Globalization Map Quiz 2	Bentley, Ch. 40
Dec. 7	Final Exam 8:00-10:00 AM	