



## COURSE OUTLINE

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HI1120

Introduction to Modern World History

WINTER 2010

Mon: 2:30 – 3:50pm; Wed: 2:30 – 3:50pm

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UNIVERSITY EQUIVALENCY: UA\*, UC, UL, AU, AF\*, CUC, KUC

This course is designed as an introductory survey of global history and will provide a foundation for advanced study of history and related fields. The course covers the major political, cultural, intellectual and economic developments of the world since the beginning of the 19th century to the present. It is intended to provide a foundation in history and historical methods upon which students may build in more advanced study. Students will be exposed to primary sources and techniques for research and writing, and taught to engage with historical issues.

Course Texts:

Felipe Fernández-Armesto, *The World: A Brief History, Volume Two* (Pearson Education, 2008).

**E-mail: The instructor will use your GPRC e-mail for all course e-mail, you are responsible for checking this address.**

Blackboard

Various materials will be posted here including:

- Course Outline
- Links and Tips for Assignments
- Powerpoints for class
- Summaries or Review materials

On the GPRC homepage, use the link at the top right. Once you've logged in, you should be able to access the Blackboard site for this course.

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## ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS:

Class Participation	10%
Assignment #1 (Proposal and Bibliography)	10%
Assignment #2 (Rough Draft)	10%
Assignment #3 (Essay)	30%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	25%

## GRADING SYSTEM

Policy with respect to grade changes, letter grades and grade point averages can be found in the college calendar. The last day to officially withdraw is March 17.

Alpha Grade	Percentage	4-point Equivalence	Description
A+	90 - 100%	4.0	Outstanding
A	85 - 89%	4.0	Excellent
A-	80 - 84%	3.7	Very Good First Class Standing
B+	77 - 79%	3.3	
B	73 - 76%	3.0	Good
B-	70 - 72%	2.7	
C+	67 - 69%	2.3	Satisfactory
C	63 - 66%	2.0	
C-	60 - 62%	1.7	
D+	55 - 59%	1.3	Poor
D	50 - 54%	1.0	Minimal Pass
F	Below 50%	0.0	Failure
WF		0.0	Fail, Withdrawal after the deadline

## DUE DATES

Assignment #1 (Proposal and Bibliography)	February 10
Mid-Term Exam	February 22
Assignment #2 (Rough Draft)	March 17
Essay	April 7

Note: These due dates are tentative. Students are advised to review their other course schedules and determine when their assignments will be due. The instructor will then consider proposed due dates within two weeks of the above on a case by case basis.

**Self-managed extensions:** All students will be given five (5) days of extension they may use as they choose for assignments. One assignment may be handed in five days late or one two days late and a second three days late, etc. **Because of this flexibility, requests for extensions on the basis of pressures of workload, will not be considered.**

Assignments are to be submitted via e-mail or Blackboard before midnight on the due date. Extensions for tests, essays and the document analysis will only be considered when students contact the instructor prior to the deadline and present evidence of extenuating circumstances. To encourage promptness and in fairness to those who complete their work on time, late assignments will be reduced 15% for each twenty-four hour period (or part thereof, including weekends and holidays) after the due date. Any essay sent to the mailroom, dropped off at the switchboard, left at my office, or faxed will not be accepted and will not become the responsibility of the instructor.

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**January 6: INTRODUCTION**

**January 11, 13: CONGRESS OF VIENNA TO TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

Readings: "The World...", 878-914

**January 18: Research Lab – Class Will be Held in the A205 Computer Lab**

**January 20: LATIN AMERICA – COLONIALISM TO MODERNITY**

**January 25, 27: INDUSTRIALIZATION TO GLOBALIZATION**

Readings: "The World...", 772-810

**February 1, 3: CHINA'S DECLINE AND REEMERGENCE**

Readings: "The World...", 844-878

**February 8, 10: CANNONS TO CRUISE MISSILES – DEVELOPMENT OF WARFARE**

**Assignment #1 (Proposal and Bibliography) Due**

**February 15 – Family Day – No Class**

**February 17: THE DEVELOPMENT OF TERRORISM**

**February 22: MIDTERM EXAM**

**February 24: THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN MEDICINE**

**March 1, 3: ETHNIC CLEANSING AND GENOCIDE**

Readings: "The World...", 916-949

**March 5 - 14 – Winter Break – No Classes**

**March 15, 17: THE AMERICAN EMPIRE**

Readings: "The World...", 950-989

**Assignment #2 (Research Report) Due**

**March 17 - Last Day to Withdraw without Academic Penalty**

**March 22, 24: AFRICA FROM IMPERIALISM TO DECOLONIZATION**

**March 29, 31: THE MIDDLE EAST**

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## APRIL 5, 7: BOTTOMS UP – SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Readings: “The World...”, 990-1023

### **Assignment #3 (Essay) Due**

## APRIL 12: ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND HUMAN RESPONSE

Readings: “The World...”, 1024-1053

April 14: EXAM REVIEW - HAVE A GREAT SPRING/SUMMER! (after the exam)

### CLASS DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

Students will be expected to do all of the assigned readings for the class discussions. Class participation grades are determined by students' willingness to actively engage in these sessions by offering opinions and raising relevant questions. To facilitate these exchanges and to accumulate the essential material, students are encouraged to put together a brief outline of their response to each of the key questions in advance. This preparation will help you understand the course content, the methodology of historical interpretation as well as serve to prepare you for the exams and papers. Occasionally this work will be carried out by small groups of students. Most weeks (not those with exams or essays due) some students will be responsible for presenting a document analysis. Other students will be invited to offer comments and questions.

In order for everyone to have the opportunity to participate, we must strive to create an open, positive, non-threatening atmosphere. Curiosity, honesty, and above all, respect are characteristics inherent in healthy discourse. Listen actively and speak openly. If you tend to be timid, try to share your thoughts, however uncomfortable this might seem. If you like to talk, be sensitive to the needs and size of the group. Everyone should speak at some point during each discussion. Our culture find periods of silence awkward and unacceptable, but sometimes one simply needs time to think and revise their responses. Raising questions is just as important as providing answers. In fact any response however "wrong" it may seem deserves credit since it takes courage to speak in class and most comments will usually advance the discussion.

A great deal of this class revolves around discussions of contentious issues that often lend themselves to heated debates, subjective interpretations, contested meanings, and emotional responses. It will be perfectly appropriate for us to end our discussions in disagreement. If you feel frustrated and overwhelmed, don't despair. Most questions worth asking have no simple, clear answers.

While derogatory or inflammatory language, harassment, or discriminatory behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated, many students take any negative response, comment or disagreement as a personal insult. What is at issue here are ideas, not people. We all want our views to be accepted or have others marvel at our mental capacities, but it is also human nature to disagree. Alternative perspectives exist on almost any topic and these class discussions will encourage divergent thinking.

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## EXAM FORMAT

Both the midterm and final exam will integrate material from all parts of the course: lectures, assigned readings and discussions. Both will be in multiple sections and provide a choice of questions. Both exams will use questions in the Identify and Explain and Essay styles. Further information will be provided before both exams.

## PLAGIARISM / ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

All sources used in the preparation of a paper which have been quoted or paraphrased must be footnoted/endnoted. Failure to do so is plagiarism. All papers must be the student's own work. Anything else, whether borrowed, purchased or ghostwritten, is plagiarism. Continual and extensive paraphrasing without quotation marks, even if footnoted/endnoted, is also plagiarism. It has no place whatsoever at any level of college work. Unintentional plagiarism is easy to commit. Some students take massive amounts of notes from research materials and forget to identify those passages they copied or paraphrased. Just remember, it is a simple matter for an instructor to recognize the difference between the writing of an average college history student and that of a published author who spent years researching a topic.

College policy with respect to plagiarism states that: "The College expects intellectual honesty from its students. Intellectual honesty demands that the contribution of others be acknowledged. To do less is to cheat. Intellectual dishonesty undermines the quality of academic activity and accordingly, the College has adopted appropriate penalties for student misconduct with respect to plagiarism and cheating. Penalties are levied according to the degree of the infraction. If you are unsure whether a particular course of action might constitute plagiarism, you are advised to consult with the instructor."