

**HISTORY 1370  
MODERN WORLD HISTORY  
1500-1800**

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William Blake, "Europe Supported by Africa and America (1796)

Satisfies "Written English Requirement"

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Between 1500 and 1800, the world experienced major transformations that had a powerful impact on later historical periods. Focusing on the rise of Europe as the dominant geopolitical actor, the course will provide a broad overview of world history along two lines. First, it will discuss the most relevant processes that led to a much closer interconnection of different geographical areas, such as the rise of European imperialism, the development of world capitalist structures, the creation of multicultural societies, and the growth of trans-Atlantic slavery. Second, and based on evidence provided by the readings (textbook and primary documents), the course will pay attention to how different social classes and groups shaped and experienced those processes.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

There are two required texts for this course, which can be purchased at the bookstore and will be on reserve at the Dafoe library:

-Jerry Bentley and Herb Ziegler, *Traditions and Encounters. A Global Perspective on the Past* (4<sup>rd</sup> ed.). McGraw Hill, 2008.

-A course packet with documents, from Alfred Andrea and James Overfield, *The Human Record. Sources on World History. Volume 2: Since 1500*. (Houghton and Mifflin, 2005).

Another group of primary documents is available through the University's E-Reserve system, which can be accessed through UM's library system.

### **ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING**

The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays for lectures and on Fridays for discussion of weekly assigned readings (textbook and documents). Active participation is expected and **ATTENDANCE FOR DISCUSSION SESSIONS IS MANDATORY**. The final grade in the course will be the result of:

- Three papers of 3-5 pages, worth 30% of the final grade (10% each).
- A midterm exam, worth 20% of the final grade.
- A final exam, worth 35% of the final grade.
- Attendance and participation, worth 15% of the final grade.

Please, take note that **LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. I will strictly enforce the University's regulations regarding plagiarism, cheating, and impersonation (2008-09 Undergraduate Calendar, p. 28) and the Faculty of Art's regulations on cheating and plagiarism, which reads:

"The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism in a written assignment, test, or examination is F on the paper and F for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay or cheating on a test or examination, the penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism."

### ***Assignment schedule***

-First 3-5-page paper: question distributed on September 19, assignment due on September 26

-Second 3-5-page paper: question distributed on October 3, assignment due on October 10

-Take-Home mid-term exam: distributed on October 17, due on October 24

-Third 3-5 page paper: question distributed on November 7, assignment due on November 14

-Final exam: to be scheduled during exam weeks.

**Note:** Evaluation of term work, including the midterm, will be provided by the voluntary withdrawal (VW) date, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Grading scale***

A+: 4.5	C+: 2.5
A: 4	C: 2
B+: 3.5	D: 1
B: 3	F: 0

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, READINGS, AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Week 1: Fr: Sept 5: Introduction

### **I-EUROPE AND GLOBAL CONTACTS**

Week 2: European Overseas Expansion, 15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> century

Lectures on Sept.8 and Sept 10.

Discussion on Sept 12;

Reading: Tradition and Encounters (T&E), pp. 597-617

Documents: Christopher Columbus's "Journal" (Excerpts, 1492) and "Letter to the Luis de Santángel" (1493) (E-Reserve)

Week 3: Global Exchanges: Animal, Plants, and Germs

Lectures on Sept. 15 and Sept 17.

Discussion on Sept 19. **Assignment 1 distributed today**

Reading: T&E 621-626

Document: Documents on the Columbian Exchange (E-Reserve)

Week 4: Europe: Religion and Culture

Lectures on Sept. 22 and Sept. 24

Discussion on Sept. 26 **Assignment 1 due today**

Reading: T&E: 631-637

Documents: Martin Luther, "Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation" (1520) and "Against the Robbing and Murdering Hordes of Peasants" (1525) (E-Reserve)

Week 5: Europe: Politics, Economy, and Society

Lectures on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1

Discussion on Oct 3, **Assignment 2 distributed today**

Readings: T&E, 637-655

Documents: Doc. by Jean-Baptiste Colbert (course reader); Jean Domat, "The Absolute State" (1697) (E-Reserve)

## **II-THE AMERICAS, AFRICA, AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD**

Week 6: The Americas 1

Lectures on Oct. 6 and 8

Discussion on Oct. 10 **Assignment 2 due today**

Readings: T&E, 665-676

Documents: "The Requirement" (E-Reserve) and David Pieterzen de Vries, "A Massacre of the Algonquins" (course packet)

Week 7: The Americas 2

Oct. 13 (No class, Thanksgiving Break), Lecture on Oct. 15

Discussion on Oct. 17. **Take-home mid-term distributed today**

Readings: T&E, 676-686

Documents: "The Evils of Cochineal" (E-Reserve); Antonio Vazquez de Espinosa (course packet).

Week 8: Africa and the slave trade

Lectures on Oct. 20 and Oct. 22

Discussion on Oct. 24- **Take-Home mid-term due today**

Readings: T&E, 695-718

Documents by Oulaudah Equiano and King Nzinga Mbemba (Alfonso I) (E-Reserve) and by Thomas Phillips (course packet).

Week 9: (Oct. 27, 29, 31) Film projection and discussion: Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, *The Last Supper*

## **III-ASIA: THE ISLAMIC EMPIRES, CHINA, AND JAPAN**

Week 10: The Islamic Empires: Ottoman/Mughal/Persian

Lectures on Nov. 3 and Oct. 5

Discussion on Nov. 7; **Assignment 3 distributed today**

Readings: T&E, 753-775

Documents: Documents by Ogier Thiselin de Busbecq and Father Paul Simon (course packet)

Week 11: East Asia: China and Japan

Lectures on Nov. 10 and Nov. 12

Discussion on Nov. 14; **Assignment 3 due today.**

Readings: T&E, 723-751

Documents by Tokugawa Iemitsu, Honda Toshiaki, and Qian Long (E-Reserve).

#### **IV-TOWARDS A NEW WORLD: THE STRUCTURES OF CONTEMPORARY WORLD HISTORY, 18<sup>th</sup> Century**

Week 12: The Atlantic Revolutions

Lectures on Nov. 17 and Nov. 19

Discussion on Nov. 21

Reading: T&E, 778-805

Documents: Thomas Jefferson, “American Declaration of Independence” and Thomas Paine, “Common Sense” (E-Reserve)

Week 13: The Industrial Revolution and its World Impact

Lectures on Nov. 24 and Nov. 26

Discussion on Dec. 28

Readings: T&E, 814-844.

Documents: Adam Smith and Samuel Smiles (in course packet)

Week 14: Final Remarks/Review week

Lecture on Dec. 1

Dec: 3 Last Class: Review session.

**Final exam to be arranged by the University during the Final Exam period**