HISTORY 2720W A01

THE WORLD SINCE 1945 (6 credit hours)

2009-2010

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Class schedule: Mon, Wed., Fri. 8:30-9:20 am, Sep. to April
Location: 235 Isbister

Office Hours: Wed. 9:30-10:30 or by appointment

Course Description: This course will examine the results of the Second World War and its effects on the political, social and economic development of the world in the second half of the twentieth century. Particular emphasis will be given to the struggle known as the Cold War between the western world led by the United States, and the eastern world influenced by the Soviet Union and Communist China. An attempt will also be made to understand the causes of economic disparity between the developed and developing countries. We will then examine the reasons for the demise of the Soviet Union, the appearance of the United States of America as the major world power, its apparent decline, and the emergence of a multi-polar world.

Evaluation:

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Total 100%

Note:

Since it is impossible to understand fully world history and international relations without a minimum knowledge of geography, students are urged/encouraged/cajoled to consult an Atlas so as to familiarize themselves with the world’s physical and political features.

There will be a short map component for the final exam.
Essays: These will be of a minimum of 6-8 pages, of a minimum of 1500 words each. All term work will be evaluated and returned prior to the Voluntary Withdrawal date of March 19, 2010. These essays will be analytical in nature, topics being supplied the first week of classes.

Late Papers: The grades for late papers will be discounted by 10% each day to a maximum of 3 days. Papers more than 3 days late will not be accepted, and will receive a grade of 0%.


Optional: Mary Lynn Rampolla, A Pocket Guide to Writing History
William Strunk Jr. and E. B. White, The Elements of Style
(You may find these two useful when writing essays.)
Both of these books are available at the University Bookstore

Plagiarism: If you are not aware of the regulations concerning plagiarism, cheating and impersonation, please consult the U of M calendar, section 3.5. Normally plagiarism carries a minimum penalty of an F for the assignment. The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism in a written assignment, test, or examination is F on the paper and the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, the penalty may include suspension 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.

Voluntary Withdrawal Date: March 19, 2010.

Letter Grade equivalents:

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Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them. Uncollected term work will become the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.
Bibliography

1) 1945-1975

David Floyd, *Mao Against Khruschev*, (1963)
Alfred Gроссer, *The Western Alliance*, (1980)
Louis Halle, *The Cold War as History*, (1967)
Vojtech Mastny, *Russia’s Road to the Cold War: Diplomacy, Warfare, and the Politics of Communism, 1941-45*, (1979)
Howard M. Sachar, *Europe leaves the Middle East, 1936-1954*, (1972)

2) 1975-present

Mohammed E. Ahrari, *OPEC the Failing Giant*, (1986)
Bela Belassa, Change And Challenge in the World Economy, (1985)
Peter Calvocoressi, Independent Africa and the World, (1985)
Waler LeFeber, Inevitable Revolutions: The United States in Central America, (1983)
Ralph I. Onwuka and Timothy M. Shaw, Africa and World Politics, (1989)
Anna Politkovskaya, Putin’s Russia, (2004)
Diana Tussie, ed., Latin America in the World Economy, (1983)

Some Useful Journals

Counterpunch
Current History
Diplomatic History
Far Eastern Economic Review
Foreign Affairs
Foreign Policy
Hispanic American Historical Review
International Affairs
International History Review
International Security
Journal of Cold War Studies
Newspapers

Al-Ahram Weekly
Christian Science Monitor
Daily Star (Beirut)
Frontline (India)
Ha’aretz
Economist
Financial Post
Financial Times
Globe and Mail
Guardian (U.K.)
Jerusalem Post
National Post
New Republic
New York Times
Observer
Straits Times (Singapore)
The Times (India)
Washington Post


Reading Schedule First Term

Sep.  11   Introduction
       14   Second World War
       15-30 Ch. 1: The Bipolar World
             Ch. 2: The Militarization of Containment
Oct.  1-16 Ch. 3: The Rise and Fall of Détente
          19-30 Ch. 4: The Decline and Fall of the Soviet Empire
          12   Thanksgiving, no classes
Nov.  1-13 Ch. 4, (cont). Video;” Berlin Wall”
Nov.   11   Remembrance Day: no classes
          16-30 Ch. 5: European Unity and Disunity
Dec.   1-9  Ch. 6: The Revolution of Inter-American Relations

Second Term Outline will be distributed on January 6, 2010