HIST 1380 W A01

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MODERN WORLD HISTORY

1800 TO PRESENT

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Satisfies "Written English Requirement"
COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the last two hundred years, the world has been dramatically reshaped by major historical trends. Focusing on the rise of the North Atlantic and its conflictive relation with other regions of the world, the course will provide a broad overview of these long two centuries along two major organizational lines. On the one hand, it will discuss the emergence, application, and transformation of modern concepts and processes such as democracy, citizenship, nationalism, capitalism, colonialism, imperialism, and globalization. On the other hand, it will pay attention to how different social classes and groups – upper classes, workers, miners, peasants, women, etc. - actively participated and struggled in shaping those processes. In turn, the exploration of those developments and actors will contribute to a deeper understanding of the challenges we face in our contemporary world.

REQUIREMENTS

There are two required textbooks for this course, available for purchase at UofM’s bookstore:


-A course packet including primary and secondary sources.

Additional documents will be placed in the JUMP system for students to download them. The class will meet three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Two lectures on a period/topic will be followed by a class devoted to discussion of the indicated assigned material. Please note that active participation is expected and attendance for discussion sessions is mandatory. The final grade in the course will be the result of:

-Three short papers of 3-5 pages (1000 words each), worth 24% of the final grade (8% each)
-A take-home midterm exam, worth 26%
-A final exam, worth 35%
-Attendance and participation, worth 15%

IMPORTANT: Since this is a course that meets the University Senate’s W (written) requirement, students must complete all essay assignments (the three papers) with a passing grade (D or above) to pass the course. Also, please note that late and/or e-mailed papers will not be accepted, as students are responsible for bringing a printed copy for the sessions when papers are due. In addition, the University of Manitoba’s regulations regarding plagiarism, cheating and impersonation will be strictly enforced. These regulations are found in Section 8 in the online Academic Calendar and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation (online at http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_responsibilities.html), which reads,

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is a grade of F on the paper and a final grade of F (DISC) (for Disciplinary Action) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five (5) years from
registration in courses taught in a particular department/program 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 or to other experts for authentication.

The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (DISC) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department or program in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty.

Evaluation of work will be provided by the voluntary withdrawal (VW) date, November 13, 2013. 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.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE AND GRADING SCALE

-First 3-5-page paper: question distributed on September 13th, assignment due on September 20th

-Take-home mid-term exam: October 11th

-Second 3-5-page paper: question distributed on October 28th, assignment due on November 4th.

-Third 3-5-page paper: question distributed on November 13th, assignment due on November 20th

-Final exam: to be scheduled by the University during final exam weeks, December 6th - December 18th

Grading scale

A+= 4.1- 4.5
A = 3.8- 4
B+= 3.3 – 3.7
B = 2.8 - 3.2
C+ = 2.3- 2.7
C = 1.6 – 2.2
D = 1 - 1.5
F = 0
SCHEDULE OF LECTURES, READINGS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

Introduction
Friday, September 6th

I-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD, 1750s-1850s

The Atlantic Revolutions
Lectures on M, Sept. 9, and W, Sept. 11, discussion on F, Sept 13

- question for first paper distributed today

Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, ch. 22 and pp. 632-636

- The Industrial Revolution and its World Impact
Lectures on M, Sept. 16 and W, Sept. 18, discussion on F, Sept 20

- first paper due today

Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, ch. 23 (pp. 606-629)

II- THE WEST AND THE WORLD: NATIONALISM, IMPERIALISM, CAPITALISM, 1850s/1900s

Nationalism and Nation-Building: Europe and the Americas
Lectures on M, Sept. 23 and W, Sept. 25, discussion on F, Sept 27

Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, 726-732, 637-646

Imperialism and North Atlantic domination: Africa, Asia, and Latin America
Lectures on M, Sept. 30 and W, Oct. 2, discussion on F., Oct. 4
Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, ch. 28 (pp. 738-762)
International Capitalism: the Second Industrial Revolution, 1850s/1914
Lectures on W, Oct. 7 and F, Oct. 9, F, Oct. 11: Mid-Term Exam
Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, 712-725, 759-762

M, Oct. 14: Thanksgiving, no classes

III-WORLD WARS AND THE CRISIS OF NINETEENTH-CENTURY WORLD STRUCTURES, 1900-1945

The First World War and the New World context of the 1920s
Lectures on W, Oct. 16 and F, Oct. 18, discussion on M, Oct. 21
Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, chapter 29 (pp. 764-791)

The Soviet Revolution
Lectures on W, Oct. 23 and F, Oct. 25, discussion on M, Oct. 28question for second paper distributed today

The Great Depression, the Crisis of the World Economy, and the Road to the Second World War
Lectures on W, Oct. 30 and F, Nov. 1, discussion on M, Nov. 4 second paper due today
Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, 799-808.

The Second World War
Lectures on W, Nov. 6 and F, Nov. 8, (Nov. 11: Remembrance Day, no classes), discussion on W, Nov. 13question for third paper distributed today
Readings: The Earth and Its Peoples, ch. 30 (pp.808-819).
IV-The Cold War, decolonization, and economic changes, 1945-1991

*The Structures of World Order and Postwar Economic Changes, 1945-1980s*

Lectures on F, Nov. 15 and M, Nov. 18, discussion on **W, Nov. 20 ➔ third paper due today**


**Decolonization**

Lectures on F, Nov 22 and M, November 25, discussion on **W, Nov. 27**

Readings: *The Earth and Its Peoples*, pp. 855-881, 821-827 (on India)

Documents in JUMP: Frantz Fanon, “The Wretched of the Earth” (1961), Mohandas Gandhi, “Indian Home Rule” (1908).

V-The post-Cold War, 1991 to the present

*The New World (dis)Order: Politics and Economy*

Lectures on F, Nov. 29 and M, Dec. 2, discussion on **W, Dec. 4**

Readings: *The Earth and Its Peoples*, pp. 882-912


**Final exam:** to be administered during the final exam period, December 6-December 18