HIST 1500 W A01

MODERN WORLD HISTORY

1500 TO PRESENT

Fall and Winter semesters,
2014-2015
M-W-F 9:30-10:20pm
201 St. John’s College

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Satisfies "Written English Requirement"

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Since 1500, profound historical forces have brought together the world’s different regions in a frequently violent course that involved conflicts, negotiations, and adaptations. This year-long course aims at providing a broad overview of these five hundred years along two organizational lines. First, it will discuss the major processes that shaped the modern world such as the development of world capitalist structures, the rise of North Atlantic imperialism, and the difficult path followed by Western and non-Western societies in their interaction. Second, and based on the evidence provided by different sources (textbook, primary documents, and other assigned material), it will pay attention to how diverse social groups in different societies (upper classes, workers, miners, peasants, women, slaves, etc.) 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:


- A course reader of primary sources and articles. Other documents will be distributed to students in class.
ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Over the academic year and for each thematic week, the class will meet two or three days (depending on the topic and calendar) for lectures followed by another day reserved for discussion of weekly assigned readings (textbook and documents). **PLEASE NOTE** that active participation is expected and **ATTENDANCE FOR DISCUSSION SESSIONS IS MANDATORY**. The final grade in the course over the year will be the result of:

- Four 3-5-page (750-1250 word) papers, worth 32% (8% each one) of the final grade.
- A midterm exam at the end of Fall semester, worth 23% of the final grade.
- A final exam at the end of the course in the Winter semester, worth 30% of the final grade.
- Attendance and participation, worth 15% of the final grade.

**IMPORTANT:** Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, **students must pass the requirement for written English in order to pass the course** (this means that students must pass, with a D or a higher grade, three of the four assigned papers in order to pass the course). Please, take note that **LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** I will strictly enforce the University’s regulations regarding plagiarism, cheating and impersonation found in in the section on “Academic Integrity” of the General Academic Regulations in the online Academic Calendar, and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation (online at http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/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, March 19th, 2015. 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

Fall semester
- First 3-5-page paper: question distributed on September 24th, assignment due on October 3rd
- Second 3-5-page paper: question distributed on November 3rd, assignment due on November 12
- Mid-term exam: December 3rd

Winter semester
- Third 3-5 page paper: question distributed on January 26th, assignment due on February 2nd
- Fourth 3-5 page paper: question distributed on March 2nd, assignment due on March 9th
- Final exam: to be scheduled by the University during final exam weeks (April 2010)

Grading scale

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, READINGS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

FALL TERM

Sept. 5th: Introduction to Modern World history

I - WESTERN EXPANSION AND GLOBAL CONTACTS

*European Overseas Expansion, 15th/17th century*
Lectures on Sept. 8 and Sept. 10, discussion on Sept 12
Document online: Christopher Columbus’s “Journal” (Excerpts, 1492)

*Global Exchanges: Animal, Plants, and Germs*
Lectures on Sept. 15 and Sept. 17, discussion on Sept 19
Readings: T&E 486-491

II - EUROPE: REFORMATION, STATE-FORMATION, AND EARLY CAPITALISM

*Europe: Religion and Culture*
Lectures on Sept. 22 and Sept. 24 ➔ (question for first paper distributed today)
Discussion on Sept. 26
Reading: T&E 492-498
Documents online: Martin Luther, “Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation” (1520) and “Against the Robbing and Murdering Hordes of Peasants” (1525)

*Europe: Politics, Economy, and Society*
Lectures on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1, discussion on Oct. 3 ➔ (first paper due today)
Readings: T&E 498-512

III - THE AMERICAS, AFRICA, AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD

*The Americas 1*
Lectures on Oct. 6 and Oct. 8, discussion on Oct. 10
Readings: T&E 522-532
Documents online: “The Requirement” (1510))
Oct 13: No class, Thanksgiving

The Americas 2
Lectures on Oct. 15 and Oct. 17, discussion on Oct. 20
Readings: T&E 533-541

Africa and the slave trade
Lectures on Oct. 22 and Oct. 24, discussion on Oct. 27
Readings: T&E 548-569
Document online: Olaudah Equiano, The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa the African (1789)-Excerpts

IV-ASIA: THE ISLAMIC EMPIRES, CHINA, AND JAPAN

The Islamic Empires: Ottoman/Mughal/Persian
Lectures on Oct. 29 and Oct. 31, discussion on Nov. 3 (question for second paper distributed today)
Readings: T&E 594-614.

East Asia: China and Japan
Lectures on Nov. 5, Nov. 7, and Nov. 10, discussion on Nov. 12 (second paper due today)
Readings: T&E 570-593.
Documents online: Emperor QianLong, Letter to George III (1793)
V-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD, 1750s-1850s

The Atlantic Revolutions
Lectures on Nov. 14, Nov. 17, and Nov. 19, discussion on Nov. 21
Reading: T&E 650-674
Documents online: “Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen” (France, 1789); Thomas Paine, “Common Sense” (1776)

The Industrial Revolution and its World Impact
Lectures on Nov. 24, Nov. 26, and Nov. 28th, discussion on Dec. 1
Readings: T&E, 814-844.

Dec. 3: Fall semester’s last class- mid-term exam
VI- THE WEST AND THE WORLD: NATIONALISM, IMPERIALISM, CAPITALISM 1850s/1914

Nationalism and Nation-Building: Europe and the Americas
Lectures on Jan. 7 and Jan. 9, discussion on Jan. 12.
Readings: T&E 640-647; 676-702.

Imperialism and North Atlantic domination: Africa, Asia, and Latin America
Lectures on Jan. 14 and Jan. 16, discussion on Jan. 19
Readings: T&E chapter 32, 730-756
Documents online: “The Azamgarh Proclamation” (1857); Rammohoun Roy, “Letter to Lord Amherst” (1823)

International Capitalism: the Second Industrial Revolution, 1850s/1914
Lectures on Jan. 21 and Jan. 23, discussion on Jan. 26 (question for third paper distributed today)
Readings: T&E: 838-842, 930-934 ver

VII-WORLD WARS, THE SOVIET REVOLUTION, AND THE CRISIS NINETEENTH-CENTURY WORLD STRUCTURES, 1914-1945

The First World War and the New World context of the 1920s
Lectures on Jan. 28 and Jan. 30, discussion on Feb. 2 (third paper due today)
Readings: T&E, chapter 33, 762-787
Document online: Hassan Al-Banna, “Toward the Light” (1936)

The Soviet Revolution
Lectures on Feb. 4 and Feb. 6, discussion on Feb. 9

The Great Depression, the Crisis of the World Economy, and the Road to the Second World War
Lectures on Feb. 11 and Feb. 13, Feb 16 - Feb 20: No classes, Winter Break, discussion on Feb. 23 (Monday after the break)
Readings: T&E: 985-1001, 1012-14  ver: 797-810, 834-840

The Second World War
Lectures on Feb 25 and Feb. 27, discussion on March 2 (question for fourth paper distributed today)
Readings: T&E 840-853


The Structures of World Order, 1945-1980s
Lectures on March 4 and March 6 (selections from the film “The Atomic Cafe”), discussion on March 9 (fourth paper due today)
Readings: T&E 853-862

Decolonization and Postwar Economic Changes
Lectures on March 11, March 13, and March 16, discussion on March 18
Readings: T&E, chapter 37 (pp. 864-889).
Documents online: Frantz Fanon, “The Wretched of the Earth” (1961), Mohandas Gandhi, “Indian Home Rule” (1908); Fidel Castro, “Havana Declaration.”

LAST DAY FOR VW: March 19

IX-THE POST-COLD WAR, 1991 TO THE PRESENT

The New World (dis)Order: Politics
Lectures on March 20 and March 23, discussion on March 25
Readings: T&E chapter 38 (specifically, 890-896, 910-912)
The global economy and its problems: neoliberalism and crisis (new topic)
Lectures on March 27 and March 30, discussion on April 1st
Readings TE chapter 38 (specifically, 896-903)

April 3rd: Good Friday, no classes

Human rights and the environment
Lectures on April 6 and April 8, discussion on April 10
Documentary Trinkets and Beads on April 5, discussion on April 7
Readings: T&E 903-921
Document: TBA

Final Exam: to be scheduled by the University during Final Exam weeks (April 13 to April 27th)