

HIST 2730 A01 Modern World History 1914-1945: The 30 Years Crisis

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MTWR 2:15-3:30

Room: Classes will be conducted via Zoom

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Zoom by appointment

General Information

Description

A global economic, social, political and cultural history of the twentieth century history from World War I to the eve of the Cold War, emphasizing the impact of war and economic crisis.

Expectations and Goals

This course combines lectures and class discussion. Students are expected to attend lectures, take notes and ask questions. Students are also expected to be prepared to participate in class discussions when they are held. Since there is no textbook for this course, students must attend class and create a good set of class notes to assist in writing the exams.

Required Materials

Vera Brittain, *Testament of Youth*

William Shirer, *Berlin Diary: The Journal of a Foreign Correspondent 1934-1941*

Both are available through the University bookstore and can also be found through any online book seller. These books are essential for writing the primary source essay assignment.

Assignments

Research Essay

This Assignment is to be 8-10 pages (2000-2500 words) on a topic of the student's choice. A list of possible topics as well as more detailed instructions will be available on a separate handout on UM learn.

Primary Source Essay

Students will complete a 6-7 page (1500-1750 words) essay on the assigned books for this course.

Detailed instructions can be found on a separate handout which is available on UM learn.

YouTube Channel Review

Students will complete a 3-4 page (750-1000 words) critique of a YouTube channel devoted to history which focuses on the years 1914 to 1945. A list of potential channels as well as detailed instructions are available on a separate handout on UM Learn.

Final Exam:

The Final Exam will be a take home exam that will consist entirely of essay questions. Students will be given a choice of questions and will be asked to answer two of them in essay format including footnotes. Students may cite lectures, the textbook or any other sources. Required length is between

4 and 6 pages for each question, double spaced in 12 point font. The exam will be given out 1 week prior to the due date which is TBA and will be scheduled by the University.

Assignment 1 Research Essay	30%	Due July 19
Assignment 2 YouTube Channel Review	15%	Due July 29
Assignment 3 Primary Essay	25%	Due Aug 9
Final Exam	30%	Date TBA

Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, students must complete all essay assignments with a passing grade to pass the course.

Assignments for this course are to be exclusively submitted online through UMLearn. The file should be in a word document and the file name for the document should be as follows: SURNAME Given name Assign # HIST 2730. Assignments will be marked electronically and returned via UMLearn as well.

Late essays will receive a penalty of 5% per class up to a total of 50%. No late assignments will be accepted after the last day of class. Extensions may be granted on compassionate grounds if requested ahead of the due date.

Students who are unable to meet a course requirement due to medical circumstances are currently not required to submit medical notes. However, students are required to contact their instructor or academic advisor by email to inform of the missed work and to make arrangements for extensions, deferrals, or make-up assignments. Please follow these guidelines if you are unable to meet an academic requirement for your courses.

- Contact your instructor for term work such as a class, quiz, midterm/test, assignment, lab;
- Contact an advisor in your faculty/college/school of registration for a missed final exam (scheduled in the final examination period);
- Inform your instructor/advisor as soon as possible do not delay. Note for final exams, students must contact within 48 hours of the date of the final exam; and

Email your instructor/advisor from a U of M email address, and include your full name, student number, course number, and academic work that was missed.

Uncollected term work will become the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.

Grading

Letter grades correspond to number grades as follows:

A+ = 90-100

A = 80-89

B+ = 75-79

B = 70-74

C+ = 65-69
C = 60-64
D = 50-59
F = below 50

Keep in mind that the goal of this course should be to improve your skills, NOT to achieve any specific grade. Thus, my comments on your assignments are far more important than the specific grade given. Please read comments carefully as I have put significant thought into them.

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.

Additional Information and Resources

Plagiarism

The University's regulations re: plagiarism, cheating and impersonation may be found in the section on "Academic Integrity" of the General Academic Regulations in the online Academic Calendar, and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation at: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.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.

Voluntary Withdrawal

The voluntary withdrawal date for this course is Aug 3. Some evaluation of term work will be provided prior to this date.

Student Resources

Academic Resources

You have access to several important resources to help you navigate your classes and university life more generally. There are writing tutors available to help you with your essays through the Academic Learning Centre (ALC): <http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/>.

The ALC page also has resources to help you with study skills, organization, as well as assistance for students using English as an Additional Language (EAL). Other issues, including accessibility services, workshops, and tips about academic integrity are addressed at the Student Advocacy Services webpage (http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/).

All of the above services can also be accessed under the heading of Student Resources on the Student Affairs website: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/studentlife/index.html>.

History students can also take advantage of the huge range of academic materials (including primary and secondary sources, as well as pages to help with writing and referencing) made available by the History subject librarian, tailored just for you! They are available on the Libraries page at this link: <http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/history>. Students who need research assistance can also schedule an appointment with a librarian through the website.

Student Counseling Centre

Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as counseling. <http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html>

Student Support Case Management

Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team. <http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html>

University Health Service

Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation. <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/>

Student Advocacy

Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns. <http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy>

UM History Student Association (UMHiSA)

UMHiSA is a history undergraduate student run organization that seeks to establish a sense of community for students studying all facets of history, and provide support for them in their academic career. Students interested in fun times, spirited debate, new opportunities, a community of like-minded students, or all of the above, check out UMHiSA on our instagram account www.instagram.com/umhisa_undergrad/ or emailing umhisau@gmail.com.

Class Schedule

July 5: Introduction to Course

July 6: Origins of the Crisis: Liberalism, Nationalism and Socialism

July 7,8: Origins of the Crisis: Imperialism and the Rise of New Powers

July 12,13: The First World War: Origins and The War Itself

July 14,15: The First World War: Homefront and Postwar Settlement

July 15: Seminar: Vera Brittain, *Testament of Youth*

July 19: Research Essay Due

July 19,20: The Russian Revolution and Soviet Union to 1939

July 21,22: Colonialism between the Wars

July 26-30: The Great Depression and New Deal

July 26,27: Interwar Society and Culture

July 28: Italian Fascism

July 29: Imperial Japan

July 29: YouTube review due today

Aug 2: Spanish Civil War

Aug 3 VW Deadline

Aug 3,4: Nazi Germany

Aug 4: Seminar: Berlin Diary

Aug 5: The Road to WWII

Aug 9: Primary Essay Due today

Aug 9,10,11: World War II

Aug 12: Impact of the 30 Years Crisis