

Hist 2702 World History II, Fall 2009

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**Course Description:**

This course examines the major events, structures, and problems of world history since 1500. The course has three broad objectives: 1) to enhance student understanding of the major themes of world history; 2) to discuss the interrelations of societies and cultures and compare the experiences of peoples and civilizations with one another, and 3) to promote critical thinking--how to arrive at conclusions through gathering and weighting of evidence, logical argument, and analyzing the hidden assumptions and agendas of evidence.

**Required Reading:**

Robert W. Strayer, Ways of the World: A Brief Global History, Volume II From 1500 (Bedford/St. Martin's 2009)

Peter N. Stearns, Stephen S. Goach and Erwin P. Grieshaber, Documents in World History Volume 2, The Modern Centuries: From 1500 to the Present (Pearson Longman, 2009), Fifth Edition

Kenneth Pomeranz, The Great Divergence: Europe, China, and the Making of the Modern World Economy (Princeton, 2000)

Reserved On-line Library Readings

**Grading:**

Test 1: 20%

Test 2: 20%

Final Exam: 25%

Response Essay: 5%

One Book Review & Presentation: 20%

Discussion, pop quiz & others: 10%

We will have two tests and a final exam during this semester. They will be essay and short answer in nature and based on lectures, readings, and discussions. Essay questions will be passed out in advance of the tests and final exam, but must be done in class without notes or books.

Another 20% of your grade will be partially determined by your grade on a book review based on one book from the reading lists contained in your textbook. You can also choose a book not contained in the reading lists. You have considerable leeway in

choosing your book, but you must consult the instructor before writing the paper. Also, your paper cannot be simply a summary of the book. The book review should be at least 5-page long (double space, 12 font, and one inch at margins). The rest of the 20% grade will be determined by a 5-minutes presentation. You will need to introduce the book to the whole class and be prepared to answer questions.

You will also need to write a two-page response essay for The Great Divergence. You can develop your own approaches here, but you can not just summarize the book.

The remaining 10% of your grade will be determined by your grade on pop quizzes and discussion. The quizzes are based on the readings that you should read before the classes when the quizzes are given. A policy of bonus question will be announced in class.

### **Makeup Tests:**

Students may make up (**not retake!**) one of the two tests. No excuse is necessary to do so.

Students may make up the final exam after the official exam date only if they have a legitimate excuse (oversleeping or forgetting or not knowing the time of the exam is **NOT** a legitimate excuse!). With few exceptions, a legitimate excuse is limited to the following categories: (1) death in the immediate family; (2) student illness (verified by a doctor's letter or dated prescription with the student's name on it); (3) participation in a university-sponsored activity (intercollegiate athletic even, required field trip, etc.). In each case, it is the student's responsibility to provide verification of the excuse acceptable to the instructor.

If you have a conflict at the regularly scheduled final exam time, you should contact the instructor as soon as possible. However, it is the student's responsibility to follow the policies regarding final exam schedule conflicts.

For such policies, see [www.bulletin.uga.edu](http://www.bulletin.uga.edu) and [www.curriculumsystems.uga.edu](http://www.curriculumsystems.uga.edu)

### **Attendance:**

Attendance in class is mandatory. A student with more than five absences cannot pass the course. **There is no such thing as an excused absence**, unless a student misses the final exam. Missing a test does NOT count as an absence. Students who miss a class are responsible for knowing anything said by the instructor in that class, including announcements regarding changes in this syllabus.

### **Dropping the Class:**

Students with 50 or more points on the first test may drop the course with a W anytime until mid-semester add/drop deadline. **A missed exam is considered a 0 until it is made up.** Once a student has decided to drop the class, he/she should go through the drop procedure immediately, as more than five absences or a missed test

may result in a WF or F. The instructor may drop any student from the class for excessive absences, or for failing to abide by the rules or protocol of the class (see “Additional Protocol” below) as outlined herein or announced by the instructor in class.

### **Additional Protocol:**

- (1) Students who enter the classroom after the instructor has begun his lecture or discussion must stay at the side of the classroom. Any student arriving 15 minutes after the class begins will be marked absent and not be admitted to the class. Any student leaving before the class is dismissed will be marked absent.
- (2) Students are not permitted to record the lectures or discussions.
- (3) Students may contest grades on their exams only 24 hours after they receive their grades. **A student contesting a grade will face the possibility of having her/his grade lowered as well as raised or left unchanged, as the instructor may re-grade the whole exam.**
- (4) Students are not permitted to talk in class unless called upon to do so by the instructor.
- (5) Students are not permitted to sleep in class or to read or to use the internet while the instructor is conducting class.
- (6) Students are expected to avoid any activity that will distract other students or the instructor, including bringing a phone to class that is not turned off.
- (7) Additional rules may be added during the course of the semester as the instructor sees fit.

### **Cheating:**

The instructor has “zero tolerance” for cheating. Any work in infringement of the university academic honesty code (<http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academichonesty.htm>) will at a minimum receive a 0 grade in the assignment involved, which will be given extra weight in calculating the final grade. The consequences for what the instructor considers significant plagiarism on a paper or major cheating on an exam in this course can be (and has been) suspension or expulsion from the university.

### **Class Schedule**

#### **Week 1**

Aug 17 Monday Class begins

Aug 19 What is World History

Read: Online documents D1-D3

Aug 21 Periodizing World History

Read: Online documents D4-D6

#### **Week 2**

Aug 24 European Reconnaissance of the oceans

Read: Ways, pp 365-378

Aug 26 Global Commerce

Read: Ways, pp 434-449

Aug 28 Global Exchange:

Read: Ways pp 382-388, 404-409

Documents, chapter 1-2

### **Week 3**

Aug 31 The Transformation of Europe

Read: Ways: pp 462-472, 477-486

Documents: chapter 4-7

Sept 2 Africa and the Atlantic World

Read: Ways: pp 449-457

Documents: chapter 3, 16

Sept 4 Americas and the Atlantic World

Read: Ways: pp 409-417

Documents: chapter 13-15

### **Week 4**

#### **Sept 7 Labor Day**

Sept 9 Russia

Read: Ways, pp 417-421

Documents, Chapter 8

Sept 11 the Islamic World

Read: Ways, pp 378-382 421-429 472-477

Documents: Chapter 9-10

### **Week 5**

Sept 14 East Asia

Read: Ways: pp 369-378, 421-429, 472-477

Documents: chapter 11-12

Sept 16 Great Divergence

Read: introduction & Part 1

Sept 18 Great Divergence

Read: Part 2 & 3

### **Week 6**

Sept 21 Revolutions and Nation-states

Sept 23 Revolutions and Nation-states

Sept 25 Revolutions and Nation-states

Read: Ways: Chapter 17

Documents: Chapter 17

### **Week 7**

Sept 28 The Making of Industrial Society

Sept 30 The Making of Industrial Society

Read: Ways, Chapter 18

Documents, Chapter 18-19

### **Oct, 2 First Exam**

#### **Week 8**

Oct 5 The Islamic World

Read: Ways, pp 571-577

Documents, chapter 27

Oct 7 Russia

Read: Documents, chapter 21-22

Oct 9 Far East

Read: Ways, pp 564-571, 577-586

Documents, chapter 23-26

#### **Week 9**

Oct 12 European Imperialism

Oct 14 European Imperialism

Oct 16 European Imperialism

Read: Ways, Chapter 20

Documents, Chapter 20, 28-32

#### **Week 10**

Oct 19 World War I

Read: Ways, pp 625-633

Documents, Chapter 33

Oct 21 An Age of Anxiety

Read: Ways, pp 633-645

Documents, Chapter 34-36

Oct 23 World War Two

Read: Ways, pp. 645-656

Documents, chapter 44

#### **Week 11**

Oct 26 East Asia

Read: Ways, pp 662-668

Documents, Chapter 42-43, 45

Oct 28 The Cold War

Read: Ways, Chapter 22

Documents, Chapter 37-38

### **Oct 30 Fall Break**

#### **Week 12**

Nov 2, The Cold War

**Book Topic Due**

Nov 4 The Cold War  
**Nov 6 Second Exam**

**Week 13**

Nov 9 The Third World  
Nov 11 The Third World  
    Read: Ways, Chapter 23  
    Documents, Chapter 39-41, 46-53  
Nov 13 Globalization

**Week 14**

Nov 16 Globalization  
    Read: Ways, Chapter 24  
    Documents: Chapter 54-56

Nov 18 **Presentation Starts**  
    **Book review due**

**Thanksgiving**

**Week 15**

Presentation

**Week 16**

Presentation  
December 8 Friday Class Schedule in Effect/Class End

Final Exam: Dec 10 8:00am-11am