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JINAN UNIVERSITY

World History

Lecturer: Caleb Finegan

Time: Monday through Friday (June 18, 2018-July 20, 2018)

Office hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Contact Hours: 60 (50mins each)

Credits: 4

Location: MBA Center

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Course Description

This course examines the history of interaction between Western and non-Western peoples since the Biblical Era to the present. Western interaction with the rest of the world has gone through several phases and permutations, some of which are based on scientific exploration, colonies of settlement, economic exploitation, Social Darwinism and nationalism. In the course of this semester, we will examine the shifting nature of Western colonialism and imperialism with a particular focus on strategies of subjugation and resistance in Latin America, India, and Africa from the 1490s up to the present day. In addition, we will spend some class periods focusing on the consequences of the European colonial attitude, namely the three most tragic events of the 20th Century: World War I, World War II, and The Holocaust.

Required Text

Ways of the World: Volume 2, Since the Fifteenth Century (Third Edition), Robert. W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson (2016)

Course Hours

The course has 25 sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday.

Grading Policy

Wednesday Exams	70%
Final examination	20%
Essay Assignment	10%

Attendance and class participation can affect borderline grades. Attendance is expected.

Academic integrity is assumed.

Examinations

There will be four weekly, periodic examinations and a final exam – questions come from all readings and lectures. The final covers only material since the previous Wednesday exam. A typical exam is comprised of multiple choice questions and identifications. The course will enforce Jinan University standards of academic integrity.

Essay Assignment

Students will submit a short essay of 3 pages (double-spaced). Assignment instructions for the short paper will be distributed by the second week of class. The textbook is sufficient for any necessary research. The professor and teaching assistant are available for consultation, and will give a rough read and advise revisions for any paper submitted a week before the due date. Late papers will be penalized five points per weekday.

Special needs

Students with disabilities and special needs should consult with the professor early in the semester. Recording of lectures is permitted.

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90-100
Good	B	80-89
Satisfactory	C	70-79
Poor	D	60-69
Failed	E	Below 60

Course Schedule

Readings will be assigned at the end of each class each day depending on where we are in the narrative and analysis of World History.

Lecture Topics

Week One: Select Readings from the Introduction and Parts 3 and 4

June 18 – Introductions and explanation of syllabus; origins of Christianity and Islam

June 19 - Spain and the Americas before Columbus

June 20 - European Conquest in the New World

June 21 – Review and Exam 1

June 22 – Films and discussion

Week Two: Select Readings from Parts 5 and 6

June 25 – Challenges to Catholicism in Europe: The Renaissance and the Reformation

June 26 – Intellectual currents in Europe – The Enlightenment and Charles Darwin

June 27 - New Imperialism in Africa; and European Colonialism in India

June 28 – The Indian Partition and film clips

June 29 – Movie (1947 - Earth)

Week Three: Select Readings from Parts 5 and 6

July 2 – Review and Exam 2

July 3 – Industrial Europe and Nationalism

July 4 – Marx and World War I

July 5 – Review and Exam 3

July 6 – Films and discussion

Week Four: Select Readings from the Handouts and Parts 5 and 6

July 9 – World War II

July 10 – The Holocaust

July 11 – Film Clips – WWII and The Holocaust

July 12 – Review and Exam 4

July 13 – Films and discussion

Week Five: Select Readings from Parts 5 and 6

July 16 – Post-colonial Africa and South Africa

July 17 - Post-colonial Latin America

*Essay assignment due on July 17

July 18 – China and its place in the world

July 19 – Final Thoughts? The world at a crossroads

July 20 – Review and Exam 5 (Final Exam)

Academic Honesty

Jinan University defines academic misconduct as any act by a student that misrepresents the students' own academic work or that compromises the academic work of another scholastic misconduct includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e. misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or substantially similar papers, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; sabotaging another's work within these general definitions, however, Instructors determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties ranging from lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.