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World History

Lecturer: Joseph C Thompson

Time: Monday through Friday (July 2, 2018 - August 3, 2018)

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

Contact hours: 60 (50 minutes each)

Credits: 4

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Course Description

By studying the history of the world, the student is exposed to a variety of cultures, economies, and political institutions. The student learns different models for organizing human life, and is able to critique the society which he or she inhabits. The exercise of historical and cultural analysis will convey skills useful in any major. This course begins roughly during the time period 1500-1776 to the present. The one exception is the reading of Chapter 15, Migration, which covers the time period 1300-1750.

Required Text

William J. Duiker and Jackson J. Spielvogel, *World History, Volume II: Since 1500* 8th Edition

ISBN-13: 978-1305091221

Other required readings: all additional readings, videos, and all PowerPoint Presentations that may be assigned by the Instructor.

Course Hours

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

Assignments: This is a discussion-based course designed to help improve your reading skills and to introduce you to historical thinking. Evaluation will assess progress in your analytical abilities. Emphasis too will be placed on how well those skills improve over the course of the semester. All due dates can be found on the Course Schedule below.

1. Attendance/Class Participation: (20%)

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. You may earn up to ten (10) points each week based on your presence in class, your preparation, and the quality of your participation in the weekly discussions. You may miss up to two (2) classes without penalty to your grade. A student who is absent from class 10 percent of the scheduled class time [4 days or more] is subject to getting a grade of “F” without warning by the instructor.” Any violation of class conduct policies (outlined above) will count as an absence from class. It is the responsibility of each student to notify the instructor in the event she/he is tardy.

2. Writing Assignments: (30%)

Each week you are required to read brief primary source documents. Primary sources are materials that provide us with an individual’s personal perspective of history. These are first-hand accounts that contain crucial information about the past to help historians achieve a developed understanding of historical events. Each assigned document will include a series of “Questions to Consider” to help you evaluate the primary source.

After reading the assigned primary sources and studying the “Questions to Consider,” you will be write a brief essay in response to a question I provided. Your goal is to develop a well-supported response to the questions based on the

facts you have learned about the topic. All writing assignments will be due every Friday; at which time you will take part in a discussion of the material. There will be a total of four (4) writing assignments throughout the semester. Each writing assignment is worth a maximum of 10 points.

3. Weekly Exams: (50%)

Every Friday you will an exam in class on the dates listed in the Course Calendar. These exams will be made up of 35 multiple choice questions designed to examine the extent to which you have mastered all class material.

Late Assignments: It is your responsibility to makeup all work. Simply notifying the professor in advance that you will not be able to attend class is not enough. To make up work, you must stop by during office hours no more than one week after you missed class. Late assignments will **not** be accepted more than one week after the due date. Because a central goal of this course is to learn the importance of ethical work habits, all makeup assignments and excused absences will only receive partial credit. All assignments will be penalized five points for every day it is late. The late policy can be waved if (1) student notifies professor well in advance of the due date; and (2) professor sees a clear need for student to miss a deadline. All makeup work is the student's responsibility. I will not distribute makeup work via e-mail. If you complete an assignment before class meets, you will not receive a late penalty. *All makeup assignments will be graded at the end of the semester.* This policy includes all assignments, including the midterm and final exams.

Excused Absences: It is your responsibility to makeup all absences. Simply notifying the professor in advance that you will not be able to attend class is not enough. To earn an excused absence, you must stop by during office hours no more than one week after you missed class. I will then give you an assignment that must be turned in no more than one week after the missed class. The excused absence assignment will be assessed for quality. A high-quality response will earn full credit for the absence. Poor-quality responses will earn partial credit or no credit. *All excused absence assignments will be graded at the end of the semester.*

Grading Scale

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

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

Special Needs

Students with disabilities and special needs should consult with the professor the first day of class. Recording of lectures is permitted.

All readings will be assigned at the end of class

Monday – July 2 – Introduction – “The World in 1450”
 Tuesday – July 3 – “European Empires in the Americas” and “Colonial Societies”
 Wed. – July 4 – “Russian Empire” and “Asian Empires”
 Thursday – July 5 – “European & Asian Trade”
 Friday – July 6 – Exam 1, Primary Source analysis paper due, and Discussion

Monday – July 9 – “Silver & Fur in Global Commerce” and “The Atlantic Slave Trade”
 Tuesday – July 10 – “Globalization of Christianity”
 Wednesday – July 11 – “The Scientific Revolution”
 Thursday – July 12 – “Atlantic Revolutions and their Impact,” Part I
 Friday – July 13 – Exam 2, Primary Source analysis paper due, and Discussion

Monday – July 16 – “Atlantic Revolutions and their Impact,” Part II
 Tuesday – July 17 – “Industrialization”
 Wednesday – July 18 -- “China in Crisis” and “The Ottoman Empire”
 Thursday – July 19 – “The Rise of Japan” and “The New Imperialism”
 Friday – July 20 – Exam 3, Primary Source analysis paper due, and Discussion

Monday – July 23 – “World War I”
 Tuesday – July 24 -- “World Wide Depression”
 Wednesday – July 25 – “The Rise of Fascism”
 Thursday – July 26 – “World War II”
 Friday – July 27 – Exam 4, Primary Source analysis paper due, and Discussion

Monday – July 30 – “Global Communism”

Tuesday – July 31 – “The Cold War”

Wednesday – August 1 – “The Decline of Communist States”

Thursday – August 2 – “Globalization and the American Empire.”

Friday – August 3 – 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 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.