

History 115.3: World History Since 1500 C.E. Course Syllabus – Fall 2006

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Meeting/Location: T-Th 11:00-12:15; HSS 310

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Course Description:

This course examines the major global developments and patterns which have shaped the modern world. We begin in the early modern era (c.1500 C.E.) and look at how different cross-cultural and commercial contacts following the Mongol Empire led to new interconnections among the peoples of Afro-Eurasia, as well as to the transfer of new ideas, technologies, and disease. We will view developments in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas on the eve of colonialism, and examine the way in which these societies would resist and adapt to changes brought by European expansion. The course covers important themes of the modern world such as the consequences of the Industrial Revolution, the French Revolution, nationalism, and European imperialism; and how major Eurasian empires such as the Ottomans and the Ming would respond as military and economic power shifted west. Finally we explore the processes leading to world war, the Cold War, decolonization, and the current effects of the information-age and global integration. In addition to specific developments, we will also cross-compare the larger social, political, and cultural movements across societies in an effort to understand the continuities and divergences in modern world history.

Required Texts:

- Robert Tignor, et al, *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A History of the Modern World from the Mongol Empire to the Present*
- George F. Jewsbury, ed., *Selections From Longman World History, Primary Sources and Case Studies: Volume 2, 1450-Present*

Course Requirements:

Midterm:	30%	Will consist of short I.D., essay, and multiple-choice questions.
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Final Exam:	40%	Will consist of short I.D., two essays, and multiple choice questions.
Extra Credit:		Entails 2 page (typed, double-spaced) reviews of films, biographies, plays, novels dealing with modern world history. Film/books to be arranged by the student and instructor.

Course Schedule

The Early Modern World: 1500 – 1700 C.E.

Aug. 29-31: The four major cultural areas of Eurasia and the emergence of the Mongol Empire

Tignor, Ch.1

Handouts on Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta

Sept. 5-7: Eurasia c. 1400 -1700 C.E.: the Indo-Islamic World, Ming China, and Christendom

Tignor, Ch.2

Jewsbury, pp. 1-8, 46-47, 72-77

Sept. 12-14: Sub-Saharan Africa, the Americas, and Oceania on the eve of European conquest

Tignor, Ch.3

Jewsbury, pp. 30-33, 61-64, 67-70

Sept. 19-21: Colonialism, silver, and the slave trade in the 17th century Atlantic world

Tignor, Ch.4 and Ch.5 (pp. 165-176)

Jewsbury, pp. 33-35, 81-88

September 26: Midterm 1

Toward The Modern World: 1700-1900 C.E.

Sept. 28: Enlightenment in Christendom

Tignor, Ch.5 (pp. 176-194)

Jewsbury, pp. 92-94, 177-180

Oct. 3-5: Revolution and Industrialization, and the shift to Western Eurasia

Tignor, Ch.6

Jewsbury, pp. 118-120, 124-126

Oct. 10-12: Reform and Rebellion in Afro-Eurasia and the Americas; radical visions in Europe

Tignor, Ch.7

Jewsbury, 89-92, 180-182

Oct. 31-Nov. 2: Nation-building in the Americas and Eurasia; Nationalism and Imperialism

Tignor, Ch. 8

Jewsbury, pp. 95-96, 133-140, 143-147, 281-285

November 7: Midterm 2

Toward the Global World: 1900 C.E. to the Present

Nov. 9: Nationalism and Mass-Movements in Afro-Eurasia and the Americas
Tignor, Ch.9, begin Ch.10
Jewsbury, 218-220

Nov. 14-16: The Great Depression and World War in the 20th century
Tignor, Ch.10, begin Ch.11
Jewsbury, pp. 114-116, 183-192, 200-203, 262-265

Nov. 21-23: **Thanksgiving Recess – No Class**

Nov. 28-30: Cold War and Decolonization
Tignor, Ch.11
Jewsbury, pp. 222-225, 234-236, 239-245, 250-253

Dec. 5-7: End to Cold War; Conflict in the late 20th Century World
Tignor, Ch.12 (pp. 425-432, 453-561)
Jewsbury, pp. 203-210, 274-277

Dec. 12-14: Remnants of the old order; the Information-Age; Toward Global Integration
Worlds Together, Ch.12

December 21: Final Exam – 10:45-1:15

Exam Dates:

Midterm 1: September 26

Midterm 2: November 7

Final Exam: December 21

If you are unable to take a scheduled exam it is your responsibility to notify me in advance. Makeup exams are only given in cases of emergency and with prior notification. If an unexpected emergency should arise please contact me as soon as possible.

***Please turn-off all electronic devices during class time--except for note-taking purposes.**