

**WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1500**  
History 2302 27228, Spring 2025  
MW 3:00-4:20, Liberal Arts Bldg. 319

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**Course Description and Objectives:** This course explores the history of the world since 1500 as a global story of interconnection, exchange and conflict. Out of the chaos of facts and details, we will seek out major themes and comparisons that help us make sense of world history as a whole. In addition to teaching you about world history, this course will help develop your ability to think historically and evaluate historical materials.

**Book to purchase:** *Worlds Together Worlds Apart (Seagull Third Edition) Vol. 2*. At the bookstore, you can buy the physical book (ISBN: 9780393442878) for \$56-\$75. You can buy the ebook through the publisher for \$40: <https://wwnorton.com/books/9780393442878>

**Email:** Please check your UTEP email on a regular basis; I will often send reminders and other messages to the class by email, through Blackboard. Please communicate with me by email ([pedison@utep.edu](mailto:pedison@utep.edu)) rather than Blackboard's messaging system, which doesn't work well for me.

**Requirements and Grading:**

Attendance and participation	14%
Group presentations	5%
9 quizzes (see schedule below)	18%
6 short assignments (dates TBA)	18%
Three in-class exams (see schedule)	45% (15% each)

**Attendance and participation:**

- Attendance is required. Late arrivals and early departures may not get credit for attending a class. Your attendance grade is calculated as a ratio of the number of classes attended to the number of class sessions held. (For example, if there have been 4 classes and you have missed one of them, your attendance grade is 75.) Attendance grades are updated every couple of weeks.
- Before class begins: complete the reading assignment for that day. Reading assignments always include a section of *Worlds Together Worlds Apart* and primary source documents available on Blackboard.
- During class: Listen carefully to lectures and discussions, and take notes.
- During class, do NOT use phones or computers unless you are using them for the class. And do NOT use headphones or earbuds! Please try NOT to leave the classroom for breaks.
- **Participation** is encouraged. Feel free to ask questions, make comments, and answer questions during the lectures. Please also engage respectfully and constructively with each other during class discussions.
- **Group work.** To receive credit for group work, you need to be in class and be willing to engage in discussion with neighbors.
- **Worksheets.** A few of these will be filled out in class, using lecture notes, textbook, and/or primary sources.

**Quizzes:** There will be 10 multiple-choice quizzes, given in class. Your lowest score will be dropped. If you wish, you can practice for the quizzes by using InQuizitive, the on-line quizzing tool designed for the textbook. If you purchase a new hard copy of the book, or buy the ebook directly from Norton, you have free access to InQuizitive. Otherwise you can purchase access to InQuizitive for \$25. I do not base my quizzes on InQuizitive, but there is probably some overlap in the material.

**Short assignments:** There will be six short writing assignments. They will usually be based on the primary sources and will range from 100 to 300 words. Specific instructions will accompany each assignment. I accept late submissions, but give only partial credit, depending on how late they are.

**Three in-class exams.** The exams will test your knowledge of *Worlds Together Worlds Apart* and class lectures, and your ability to respond to questions about the material. They will consist of some combination of multiple-choice questions, short answers, and essay. The exams are not cumulative. I will provide some indication of what to expect from each exam a week ahead of time. The best way to study for the exams is to do the assigned reading each week, pay close attention to the lectures, and take notes. To learn effectively, you need to read and listen *actively*, not passively.

Please bring a Bluebook to each exam. (They can be purchased in the UTEP bookstore.) Exams can be made up only in the case of a verified emergency about which you communicate with me immediately, or with prior excuse for official university business. If you miss an exam, you will automatically receive an F in the course.

**Cheating and Plagiarism:** Cheating is unethical and is unacceptable. Plagiarism—passing off the ideas or words of others (whether a person or a machine such as ChatGPT) as your own in a paper or exam—is cheating and is unacceptable. Please do not cheat or submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. If you are found cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Accessibility:** This class will provide reasonable accommodations for all qualifying individuals. The UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS), located in the East Union Building, Room 106, will process requests for accommodations based on a disability, pregnancy, or parenting. Contact CASS at 915-747-5148, email them at [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu), or apply for accommodations online via the CASS portal.

Don't hesitate to talk to us (or email us) whenever you have questions or run into problems.

### **Course Schedule (subject to revision)**

	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Reading and quizzes</u>
Jan. 22	The World in 1300	WTWA: ch. 10 (358-401)
Jan. 27	Crisis and Recovery: Southwest Asia and Europe	WTWA: ch. 11 (404-430), ch. 12 (446-7), ch. 14 (533-4) Blackboard: Boccaccio, Busbecq
Jan. 29	Crisis and Recovery in China: European Maritime Expansion	WTWA: ch. 11 (430-39), ch. 12 (445-6, 450-9, 473-4), ch. 14 (540-2); Blackboard: Zheng He, Anonymous Journal <b>Quiz 1</b>
Feb. 3	Colonization of the Americas	WTWA: ch. 12 (459-465); ch. 14 (558-560) Blackboard: Xajilá, Espinosa, von Fuch

Feb. 5	Religion and Warfare in the Christian and Muslim Worlds	WTWA: ch. 12 (465-479); ch. 14 (535-39) Blackboard: Luther, Jahanghir, Wang Yangming <b>Quiz 2</b>
Feb. 10	North America, Caribbean, Africa	WTWA: ch. 13 (482-504); ch. 14 (545-7) Blackboard: Equiano, Phillips, Ligon
Feb. 12	Asia and Russia, 1600s-1700s	WTWA: ch. 13 (504-520); ch. 14 (534-535, 542-5) Blackboard: Laws of Military Households, Kangxi, Peter the Great <b>Quiz 3</b>
Feb. 17	Europe and Enlightenment	WTWA: ch. 13 (520-27); ch. 14 (547-57, 560-7) Blackboard: von Guericke, Montesquieu, Smith
Feb. 19	<b>Exam 1</b>	
Feb. 24	Revolution in North America and France	WTWA: ch. 15 (570-584); Blackboard: Rousseau, Prince Hall, Petition of Women
Feb. 26	Revolution in Haiti and Spanish America	WTWA: ch. 15 (584-591); Blackboard: Haitian Declaration of Independence, Bolívar
Mar. 3	Industrial Revolution	WTWA: ch. 15 (591-609); Blackboard: Testimony, Roy, Lin Zexu <b>Quiz 4</b>
Mar. 5	Alternative Visions in Asia and Africa	WTWA: ch. 16 (612-626); Blackboard: al-Wahhab, Taiping Principles
Mar. 17	Alternative Visions in Europe, North America, India	WTWA: ch. 16 (626-647); Blackboard: Marx and Engels, Tenskwatawa, Maulvi Syed <b>Quiz 5</b>
Mar. 19	Nation-States in the Americas and Europe	WTWA: ch. 17 (650-664); Blackboard: Sarmiento, Douglass, Renan, Schoenerer
Mar. 24	Imperialism	WTWA: ch. 17 (665-679); Blackboard: Jules Ferry, Royal Niger Co.
Mar. 26	Japan, Russia, China	WTWA: ch. 17 (679-689); Blackboard: Toshiaki, Prince Ukhtomskii, Sun Yatsen <b>Quiz 6</b>
Mar. 31	An Unsettled World	WTWA: ch. 18 (692-727); Blackboard: Galton, Gwassa, Du Bois
Apr. 2	<b>Exam 2</b>	

Apr. 7	World War I	WTWA: ch. 19 (730-743); Blackboard: Owen, Communist Decrees, Sati al-Husri, Kemal
Apr. 9	Mass Society	WTWA: ch. 19 (744-753); Blackboard: Eugenics, Stalin
Apr. 14	Mass Politics	WTWA: ch. 19 (754-767); Blackboard: Mussolini, Gandhi, UNIA <b>Quiz 7</b>
Apr. 16	World War II	WTWA: ch. 20 (770-780); Blackboard: Lévy-Hass
Apr. 21	Cold War and Decolonization	WTWA: ch. 20 (780-796); Blackboard: Stalin, Churchill, Truman, Nehru
Apr. 23	Three Worlds	WTWA: ch. 20 (796-811); Blackboard: Bandung, Senghor, Castro <b>Quiz 8</b>
Apr. 28	Globalization	WTWA: ch. 21 (814-836)
Apr. 30	Citizenship/Politics	WTWA: ch. 21 (836-855) <b>Quiz 9</b>
May 5	Global Challenges	WTWA: ch. 22 (858-878)
May 7	Contemporary Discontent	WTWA: ch. 22 (878-903) <b>Quiz 10</b>
May 12	<b>Final Exam:</b> Monday, 1:00 pm – 3:45 pm	