

Brunk
History 2302
World History since 1500
Summer 2014

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: An analysis of the development of civilizations in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas from 1500, through the age of imperialism, to the global conflicts of the twentieth century. This course will combine lecture and discussion.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will emerge from the course with a greater appreciation of the world's cultural traditions and the ways in which these diverse traditions have interacted over time. They will also develop the ability to evaluate and critically discuss historical materials.

GRADING: Final grades for this course will be based on the results of two examinations--a midterm and a final--two short papers, and participation (which will include occasional informal essays). Your grade will be calculated on the following basis:

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| Two Exams | 50% (25% each) |
| First Formal Paper | 15% |
| Second Formal Paper | 25% |
| Participation | 10% |

No extra credit will be offered in this course. Students hoping to raise their grades should talk to the professor about how to improve on the tests and papers assigned. **Improvement will be rewarded** in determining final grades (for those students who regularly attend class and turn in informal essays when they are due).

BLACKBOARD: Handouts will be distributed through Blackboard. The Powerpoint lecture outlines will be available there as well. Please don't try to contact me through the Blackboard email system, however, since I rarely check it. Email me at my regular utep email address: sbrunk@utep.edu.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are expected to attend class and your participation grade depends, in part, on your attendance. Absences due to scheduled university activities, health problems, or serious family emergencies (such as the illness of a child or a death in the family) will be excused, but **only if you document them with a note from an appropriate professional** (physician, funeral director, etc.). If for some reason you must miss a class period, it's your responsibility to inform the instructor and obtain handouts (from Blackboard) and notes (from a fellow student).

If you miss an exam for any reason other than a scheduled university activity or a health, family, or other emergency that you can document, you will not be eligible for a make-up. If missing the exam was due to circumstances beyond your control, speak to

me immediately. If it wasn't, and you aren't eligible for a makeup, you should drop the course.

You are also expected to arrive on time and stay until the end of the class period. It's better to come in late or leave early than not to come at all, but don't make a habit of it. Arrange your life so you can attend this class. If you do have to come in late, avoid making a spectacle of yourself. Quietly take the first seat available near the door. Don't walk in front of the instructor. Don't come up front to turn in a paper (it will still be accepted at the end of class).

It is your responsibility to turn in papers on time. Late papers will be penalized and **formal papers will not be accepted after the discussion** period dedicated to the material they cover.

You may use a computer to take notes, but turn off your cell phones and all other devices when you enter the classroom. This will make it easier for you to remain in your seat rather than leaving the room to answer the phone. (Of course, if you have a potential emergency, let me know and I'll gladly make an exception).

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Plagiarism is the use of the ideas, information, or words of another author without giving proper credit to your source. You are responsible for citing your sources as indicated by the instructor and, in cases where you directly quote from a source, for enclosing those words that are not your own in quotation marks. Failing to give proper credit to your sources in these ways is academic dishonesty. You are also responsible for adhering to the instructor's rules on exams. All suspected incidences of academic dishonesty will be referred immediately to the office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution for investigation. Students found guilty of such actions will be punished. See UTEP policy on this issue at <http://sa.utep.edu/osccr/academic-integrity/>.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in the Student Union Building East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass. CASS Staff are the only individuals who can validate and, if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

Robert W. Strayer, *Ways of the World: A Brief Global History with Sources*, volume 2: Since the Fifteenth Century, 2nd edition (be careful not to purchase the first edition, or volume 1, or an edition that does not include sources).

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

| Date | Topic | Readings |
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| June 9 | Introduction; the World Today | Strayer, pp. v-609 |

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| 10 | Europe Expands | Strayer, ch. 13 |
| 11 | Transformation of Europe; American Colonial Societies (INFORMAL ESSAY DUE) | Strayer, ch. 14 |
| 12 | Discussion; Africa and the Atlantic System | Strayer, ch. 15 |
| 13 | Southwest Asia/Indian Ocean (INFORMAL ESSAY DUE) | |
| 16 | Discussion; East Asia | |
| 17 | The Industrial Revolution | Strayer, ch. 17 |
| 18 | Western Political Change (FIRST FORMAL PAPER DUE) | Strayer, ch. 16 |
| 19 | Discussion; Review | |
| 20 | MIDTERM | |
| 23 | Latin America; More European Imperialism | Strayer, ch. 18 |
| 24 | The Ottoman Empire and East Asia (INFORMAL ESSAYS DUE) | Strayer, ch. 19 |
| 25 | Discussion; World War I | Strayer, ch. 20 |
| 26 | World War II | |
| 27 | Twentieth Century Revolutions | Strayer, ch. 21 |
| 30 | Discussion; Decolonization and Cold War | Strayer, ch. 22 |
| July 1 | Video: Latin American Rebellions (SECOND FORMAL PAPER DUE) | Strayer, ch. 23 |
| 2 | The Contest for Resources; review | |

FINAL EXAM: THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1:00-3:45