

HIST 1380 A03
An Introduction to Modern World History 1800-Present
Fall 2018

Time: Tuesday/Thursday 11:30-12:45
Room: 229 St. Paul's College
Instructor: George Buri

Textbook: *The Earth and Its Peoples: A Global History*. Volume II: Since 1500. Fifth Edition. Bulliet, Crossley, Headrick, Hirsch and Johnson.

I recommend that you purchase the textbook as it will supply supplementary information that we do not have time to cover in lectures and provide context for your primary source paper. However, it is not mandatory and I will not be teaching directly from it.

Office Hours: Tuesday / Thursday 3:00-4:00 or by appointment. My office is located at 343 University College. You can also e-mail me any time at George.buri@umanitoba.ca

Objectives:

1. Content: World history is the study of the interactions between various peoples in the global past. The course begins in 1800 when perhaps the most important transformation in the history of humankind, the Industrial Revolution, was taking place. In this course, we will focus upon the impact of industrialization on human societies including its role in Imperialism, technological, ecological and cultural change, development of political philosophies and total warfare. Specific themes to be covered include: The 19th Century peak of European colonialism, the rise of socialism and fascism, the two World Wars, de-colonization and national liberation movements, and the rise of American empire.
2. Skills: In studying world history since 1800 we will develop certain skills that have relevance beyond historical study. These include critical evaluation of secondary sources, understanding primary sources by placing them into their proper context, writing essays, and contributing to group discussions.

Assignments:

Mid Term Exam = 15% (Oct 11)
Research Essay = 30% (Due Oct 30)
Primary Source Analysis Essay = 25% (Due Nov 22)
Final Exam = 30% Date TBA

Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, students must complete all assignments with a passing grade in order to pass the course

Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them.

The Primary Source Analysis Essay: You will be required to write a 6-8 page (1500-2000 word) essay on one of three possible topics. For each topic you will have to answer a specific question based upon a collection of primary sources (a guide to the assignment which includes required readings is available electronically through UM Learn).

The Research Essay: will be 8 to 10 pages (2000-2500 words) on a topic of the student's choice. You may invent your own topic or choose one from the list provided. An essay writing guide is available on UM Learn

The Mid Term and Final Exams: Will consist entirely of essay questions in which you will be required to answer interpretative questions and back up your answers using specific reference to world history since 1800 as covered in the text book and in my lectures. A list of potential topics for the essay questions will be given out prior to the exam.

In addition to handing in a hard-copy of all written assignments, students are required to submit a copy of the paper electronically through UM Learn (as a word document). The file name for the document should be as follows: SURNAME Given name Assign # HIST 1380

Late policy: Late essay assignments will receive a penalty of 5% per class up to a total of 50%. If you cannot hand your essay to me in person it may be handed into the History department office where it will be date stamped. Deadlines may be flexible if you ask for an extension IN ADVANCE (the farther in advance the better). If you are experiencing problems with the workload in this or a combination of courses, please come to see me and we can work something out.

Regarding Plagiarism: The University's regulations re: plagiarism, cheating and impersonation may be found in the section on "Academic Integrity" of the General Academic Regulations in the online Academic Calendar, and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation at:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.html, which reads:

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is a grade of F on the paper and a final grade of F (DISC) (for disciplinary action) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five (5) years from registration in courses taught in a particular department/program in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism or to other experts for authentication.

The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (DISC) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department or program in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty.

Uncollected term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to destruction.

The Voluntary Withdrawal Date is November 19 2018 and evaluation of term work will be provided prior to then.

Marking: Letter grades correspond to number grades as follows:

A+ = 90-100

C+ = 65-69

A = 80-89

C = 60-64

B+ = 75-79

D = 50-59

B = 70-74

F = below 50

Keep in mind that the goal of this course should be to improve your skills, NOT to achieve any specific grade. Thus, my comments on your assignments are far more important than the specific grade given. Please read comments carefully as I have put significant thought into them.

Class Schedule:

Sept 6: Introduction to Course / What is History?

Part I: The Age of Industry and Empire

Sep 11,13: The French Revolution and Liberalism

Sep 18, 20: The Industrial Revolution and its impact

Sep 25, 27: European Imperialism: India and China

Oct 2: Imperialism: The Scramble for Africa, The Japanese Exception

Part II: The Age of Catastrophe

Oct 4: The Great War

Oct 9: The Postwar Settlement

Oct 11: Mid-term Exam

Oct 16,18: The Russian Revolution and Soviet Union

Oct 23: The Great Depression

Oct 25, 30: The Rise of Fascism and World War II and postwar settlement

Oct 30: RESEARCH ESSAY DUE TODAY

Part III: The Postwar World

Nov 1: Postwar Settlement

Nov 6: Cold War and Keynesianism

Nov 8: Decolonization: India

Nov 13-16: No Class, Break Week

Nov 19: VW Date

Nov 20: Decolonization: Africa and the Middle East

Nov 22: National Liberation and Social Revolution: China

Nov 22: Primary Source Essay Due Today

Nov 27: American Interventionism: Indochina

Nov 29: American Intervention: Latin America

Dec 4: End of the Cold War and Neo-Liberalism

Dec 6: The 21st Century

Final Exam: during the exam period, Dec. 10-21.