

History 1112: World History since 1500
Spring 2017 100% Online Course

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Office Hours

- In TLC 3208: 3P-5P Thursdays
- ONLINE: Please see the CourseDen for the daily schedule as it changes each week.

Course Objectives

This semester, we will explore the major social, cultural, political, and economic themes in World history from 1500 to the Present. Special attention will be devoted to the historical changes and problems of economic and social development on a global scale, particularly how this development (or lack thereof) affected and affects society, culture, the status of diverse peoples, and the distribution of wealth and resources at the global level.

This course is a 100% online course using CourseDen and your computer as the delivery medium. You are not required to attend class face to face. The midterm and final exams will both be taken online, and there will be no proctored exams for this course.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate the ability to think historically through understanding of the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of world history; comprehension of causal relationships and patterns of change and continuity over time; or awareness of the social significance of ethnicity, gender, race, and class in historical events and study.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the commonalities and differences among two or more societies, nations, or cultures outside of the United States in regard to any of the following: language, literature, aesthetics, politics, economics, or social and cultural practices.

Special Note

Students, please carefully review the following information at this link:

https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpaa/assets/docs/faculty-resources/common_language_for_course_syllabi_v2.pdf

This link contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

Course Readings: There is no specific textbook for this course. Everything you need is provided.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

COMPUTER ACCESS

It is highly recommended that you have regular (daily) computer access, preferably a home computer with broadband Internet access. This course can be completed using public computers at UWG or other public access areas. However, be aware that using public computers may create a hardship. All course requirements remain the same whether your computer access is public or private (home).

TECHNICAL SKILL REQUIREMENTS

You should be comfortable with the following:

- using a word processor (changing font, spell check)
- using email for communication and sending an email attachment if necessary
- navigating the Internet

Online Help

- Have questions about our classroom navigation? Email me
- Have questions about getting into CourseDen? Contact the helpdesk:

UWG | Online HelpDesk (M-F 8-5pm) Phone: 678-839-6248

Their Email: online@westga.edu

24/7 HelpDesk <https://D2LHelp.view.usg.edu>

COURSE EVALUATION AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

The course will be evaluated on a 10-pt scale: A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60-69; F=59-0.

Emphasis will be on clarity of ideas, reading, writing, analytical and critical thinking skills, class participation, and overall presentation. Participation in class discussions and lectures is encouraged and will form a component of the written assignment grades. There will be no extra credit offered in this class, so don't ask. Grade calculations are as follows:

- Exams 60%
- Reaction Papers 10%
- Quizzes 15%
- Class Participation 15%

Exams

You will have **two essay exams** over the course of the term, with each exam constituting 30% of your final grade or a total of 60% combined. Late exams or exams submitted outside of the Exam Dropbox will not be accepted. If you miss an exam for properly documented reasons, you should make arrangements with me as soon as possible for a make-up exam. Failure to turn in that make-up exam within one week's time of it being scheduled will result in a 0. If you come to me at the end of the semester and have not made up an exam and request a make-up for a previously missed exam, the answer will be NO. More info on these exams will be given as we get closer to each exam.

Reaction Papers

You will write **two short papers** of 1-2 pages in length over the course of the semester, with each paper constituting 5% of your final grade or a total of 10% combined. Please see the Reaction Papers Module in CourseDen for more information on what is required of these papers. Late papers and/or emailed papers will not be accepted without a properly documented excuse.

Class Participation

There are a total of **8 unit discussions** based on that unit's course material, with each discussion receiving a separate grade that will be applied towards your class participation grade. Grades received for your **mandatory introduction** and **student contract quiz** will also be counted towards your class participation grade. Each Online Unit Discussion will be graded on a 25 point scale. Late posts will not be counted towards your unit discussion grades. See the Course Overview Module for more information on Class Participation Guidelines and Grading.

Unit Quizzes

Each unit has a 20 question quiz based on that unit's materials. Each quiz is timed and will be counted as a combined 15% of your final grade. Late Unit Quizzes that exceed the time allotted or are taken after the Unit Quiz deadline will receive a grade of 0.

A Note about Submitting Assignments to CourseDen

ASSIGNMENT FORMAT: All submitted assignments must be submitted in MS word format. Papers should be double-spaced and be written in size 12 Times New Roman font, black text, with 1" margins. Parenthetical references of (pg) are required for all paraphrased or directly quoted information. The usage of any source outside of CourseDen is not allowed.

SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS LATE OR OUTSIDE COURSEDEN: Late assignments submitted after the scheduled deadline or outside of the Assignments Dropbox will not be accepted unless you have a properly documented excuse. **Late assignments submitted without proper documentation will receive a 0. Please note that this rule is written in stone.**

THE RETURN OF GRADED WORK: Assignment grades will be posted within a week of the due date. Discussion grades will be posted within one week of the date of the discussion's end.

EXTRA CREDIT: There is no extra credit offered in this class outside of that stated on the syllabus or by the professor.

IN THE EVENT OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

It is **your responsibility** to see that your assignments have posted to CourseDen properly. Please check to make sure that your assignment was uploaded correctly and appears in the appropriate Assignment Dropbox. **It is your responsibility to confirm that your assignments have been submitted properly to the Assignment Dropbox.**

In the event that you are having computer/wifi difficulties, please find an alternative source. **Please do not wait until the last minute to submit assignments.** You are submitting items over the Internet, and sometimes the Internet Gods get angry and withhold access. There are many things that can go wrong in the path between your computer and CourseDen. Technical problems related to computer connections or equipment cannot be used as an excuse for failure to complete assignments or to participate online. **It is your responsibility to locate the computer hardware, software and Internet connections necessary to stay connected and current with your course work online.** Please be aware of alternate Internet connections and computers available through college computer labs, college Learning Resource Centers (libraries), the public library, and any friends, relatives, or neighbors and access them if my personal computer equipment is not working.

A Note about Academic Honesty:

I will not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty in this class. All assignments and discussion posts submitted in class must be written in your own words. This includes paraphrasing, which may not be taking a passage word for word, but certainly does not give credit to ideas and/or information. **All assignments will be monitored by Turnitin**, and plagiarizers will automatically fail the course. I will also recommend that UWG administration take action. Plagiarism is a serious offense and it can lead to your expulsion and/or suspension from the University. **In short, don't do it.** See CourseDen for details on what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it in the Content Module.

Tentative Course Outline

January 8-19: Unit 1 – The Making of the Modern World

- ❖ Mandatory Participation Deadline. Introduction and Student Contract Quiz due by NOON EST, Friday, January 12. **Failure to participate by the deadline will result in your removal from this course.**
- ❖ Unit 1 Discussion due by 9:59 PM EST, Friday, January 19
- ❖ Unit 1 Quiz due by 9:59 PM EST, Friday, January 19
- ❖ **Please note that CourseDen has scheduled maintenance on Friday, January 19, beginning promptly at 10 PM and access to the system will be temporarily unavailable. If you are unable to complete and save the assignments in this unit before the system goes offline, you will be given a 0 for all unsubmitted work.**

January 20-31: Unit 2 – Atlantic World Slavery

- ❖ Unit 2 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, January 31
- ❖ Unit 2 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, January 31

February 1-12: Unit 3 – The Age of Revolution

- ❖ Unit 3 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Monday, February 12
- ❖ Unit 3 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Monday, February 12
- ❖ Reaction Paper 1 due by 11:59 PM EST, Monday, February 12

February 13-25: Unit 4 – The Eastern Empires

- ❖ Unit 4 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, February 25
- ❖ Unit 4 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, February 25

February 26-March 2: Midterms

- ❖ Midterms due by 11:59 PM EST, 9:59 PM EST, Friday, March 2
- ❖ **Please note that CourseDen has scheduled maintenance on Friday, March 2, beginning promptly at 10 PM and access to the system will be temporarily unavailable. If you are unable to upload your midterm before the system goes offline, you will be given a 0 for the exam.**

March 3-14: Unit 5 – Industrialization and Imperialism

- ❖ Unit 5 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, March 14
- ❖ Unit 5 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, March 14

March 15-April 1: Unit 6 – The World at War

- ❖ Spring Break: March 19-23
- ❖ Unit 6 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, April 1
- ❖ Unit 6 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, April 1
- ❖ Reaction Paper 6 due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, April 1

April 2-14: Unit 7 – The Cold War and the Great Thaw

- ❖ Unit 7 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Saturday, April 14
- ❖ Unit 7 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Saturday, April 14

April 15-27: Unit 8 – Decolonization, Independence, and Post-Cold War

- Unit 8 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Friday, April 27
- Unit 8 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Friday, April 27

Other Deadlines

- ❖ Final Exam due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, May 2
- ❖ Grades will be submitted to the Registrar by 12 Noon, Monday, May 14