

**History 1112: World History since 1500**  
**Spring 2019    100% Online Course**

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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/common-language-course-syllabi.php>

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.

Accessibility

Please submit any SAR documentation to me within the first week of class, or once received if the semester is already in progress. I will make every effort to accommodate your needs as outlined in your paperwork.

## ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

Please note that students who do not actively participate in the class within the first two weeks will be withdrawn by the course at the deadline set by the university. In this class, we will have three mandatory attendance checkpoints during the first week of class:

(1) introduction assignment      (2) the student contract quiz      (3) the plagiarism quiz

Students who do not fulfill these requirements, which can be found in the in the Start Here: Syllabus and Start Items Module, will be dropped for non-participation. If you are unable to complete these assignments in the allotted time-frame and have documentation to that effect, you should contact me as soon as possible to avoid being dropped after the deadline. Please note UWG's policy on attendance verification as outlined in Section 204 of the UWG Faculty Handbook: "In fully online or hybrid courses each instructor has the authority to specify in the syllabus what qualifies as attendance at the first class meeting and during the Drop/Add Period to drop students who fail to meet that requirement. Instructors may require students to attend a face-to-face meeting, to login in to the online course-delivery system by a specific date, or to take other specified steps at the beginning of the session." If you are dropped and do not have sufficient documentation as to why you were unable to complete the attendance assignments as outlined here, that decision is final and you will not be reinstated in the course.

## 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. 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 computer
- using CourseDen and MS Word
- using email for communication and sending an email attachment if necessary

## Online Help

- Have questions about our classroom navigation? Email me either in courseden or at [cvasconc@westga.edu](mailto:cvasconc@westga.edu)
- Have questions about getting into CourseDen? Contact the helpdesk:

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

**Email:** [online@westga.edu](mailto:online@westga.edu)

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

Also, we have a couple discussion forums in the online classroom where you can post questions if you have them. Feel free to post them there!

## 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, a Midterm and a Final**, with each exam constituting 30% of your final grade or a total of 60% combined. Late exams and/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 by the arranged deadline will result in a 0. See CourseDen for more information on the Midterm and Final Exams. There are no proctored exams in this class.

### 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, student contract quiz, and plagiarism 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) or (Author, pg) are required for all paraphrased

or directly quoted information. The usage of any source outside of CourseDen is prohibited, and assignments containing information taken from outside sources will be graded accordingly. Essays that do not contain in text citations will also be graded accordingly.

**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:** Assignments and discussions will be graded in one week's time.

#### 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, equipment, or submitting an incomplete or incorrect assignment cannot be used as an excuse for failure to complete assignments or to participate 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. **It is your responsibility to locate the computer hardware, software and Internet connections necessary to stay connected and current with your course work online.**

#### A Note about Academic Honesty:

I will not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty in this class and my policy is one of zero tolerance. 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. Every UWG student agrees upon their admission to the university to uphold the UWG Honor Code, which states: “[a]s a West Georgia student, I will represent myself truthfully and complete all academic assignments honestly. I understand that if I violate this code, I will accept the penalties imposed, should I be found guilty of violations through processes due me as a university community member.” UWG students further agree that they will “refrain from engaging in acts that do not maintain academic and personal integrity. These include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating,

fabrications, aid of academic dishonesty, lying, bribery or threats, and stealing.” **In short, don’t do it.** You can find a link to the UWG Honor Code in the Course Overview Module, as well as links to pages on what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it in the Content Module. Also, the mandatory plagiarism quiz will help you with this as well. Furthermore, assignment and discussion guidelines will give instructions on citation formats, but feel free to contact me with questions on how or what to cite. A good rule of thumb is “when in doubt, cite.”

### **Tentative Course Outline**

Please note that this schedule could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

#### January 7-19: Unit 1 – The Making of the Modern World

- ❖ Mandatory Participation Deadline. Introduction, Student Contract Quiz, and Plagiarism Quiz due by 11:59P EST, Wednesday, January 16. **Failure to participate by the deadline will result in your removal from this course.**
- ❖ Unit 1 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Saturday, January 19
- ❖ Unit 1 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Saturday, January 19

#### January 20-30: Unit 2 – Atlantic World Slavery

- ❖ Unit 2 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, January 30
- ❖ Unit 2 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, January 30

#### January 31-February 12: Unit 3 – The Age of Revolution

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

#### February 13-24: Unit 4 – The Eastern Empires

- ❖ Unit 4 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday February 24
- ❖ Unit 4 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday February 24

#### February 25-28: Midterms

- ❖ Midterms due by 11:59P EST, Thursday, February 28

#### March 1-12: Unit 5 – Industrialization and Imperialism

- ❖ Unit 5 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Tuesday, March 12
- ❖ Unit 5 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Tuesday, March 12

March 13-31: Unit 6 – The World at War

- ❖ Spring Break: March 18-22
- ❖ Unit 6 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, March 31
- ❖ Unit 6 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, March 31
- ❖ Reaction Paper 2 due by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, March 31

April 1- 11: Unit 7 – The Cold War and the Great Thaw

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

April 12-22: Unit 8 – Decolonization, Independence, and Post-Cold War

- ❖ Unit 8 Discussion due by 11:59 PM EST, Monday, April 22
- ❖ Unit 8 Quiz due by 11:59 PM EST, Monday, April 22

Final Exams: April 23-27

- ❖ Final Exam due by 11:59 PM EST, Saturday, April 27
- ❖ FYI: Grades will be submitted to the Registrar by 12 Noon, Monday, May 13