Huron University College  
Department of History  
2018-2019  
HISTORY 2701E  
Patterns and Perspectives in World History

Class Meets: Mondays 12:30-2:20 and Wednesdays 12:30-1:20 in HC – A1

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Course Description

This course explores the idea of Global History and the origins of the global systems of cultural, political, and economic exchange which dominate our world. We will examine the important events from the medieval period to the modern era and analyze the interconnectedness of the world’s cultures and religions, global networks of trade and commerce, and explore how war, environmental conditions, and technological developments helped shape the current distribution of wealth and power. Of particular importance to the course is the concept of the “Rise of the West” or “the expansion of Europe” and the establishment of colonial empires. We will test past theories, attempt to deconstruct Eurocentric narratives, and consider the world’s history from multiple perspectives.

Method: History 2701E is a lecture course which incorporates a tutorial component in every class. Students should come prepared to participate, ask questions, and contribute to the learning experience.

Required Texts:

All readings can be found on JSTOR, Sakai, on library reserve, or have their stable URLs listed in the course summary below.

Learning Objectives:

- identify and explain the significance of key events, people, and ideas in Global history.
- connect events from the past to current political and social issues.
- apply the historical method to challenge erroneous or chauvinistic assumptions of the past.
- express ideas and arguments clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- write and properly format an essay that uses primary and secondary evidence to support a thesis statement.
Assignments:

- Critical Review Essay: 15% Due Oct. 17
- Map Quizzes: 10% (2.5% each) Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Jan. 14, Feb 11.
- Essay Proposal: 5% Due Jan. 21
- Research Essay: 20% Due March 4
- Mid-Term Test: 15% Nov. 26
- Final Exam: 20%
- Participation: 15%

Critical Review Essay – Rise of the West (Due Oct. 17): Students must write a 7-9 page essay critically evaluating historical arguments for the rise of Western Europe (and “the West” more broadly) to global pre-eminence. Articles and book excerpts will be provided by the instructor. More details will be explained in class and in a separate handout.

Map Quizzes (Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Jan. 14, Feb. 11)
There will be four in-class map quizzes, for which students will have to learn the geography of Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa.

Essay Proposal (Due January 20)
Try to develop a research question on your own. If you are having difficulty, or would like to change your topic, please ask the instructor for some guidance. Your proposal must contain a succinct description of your topic, a paragraph outlining your working hypothesis (200-250 words), and a bibliography of at least 5 scholarly sources (books and articles).

Research Essay (Due March 4)
Using the scholarly books and articles contained in the working bibliography provided in your essay proposal, write a 10-12 page, double-spaced paper answering the question you formulated. You must develop a coherent thesis, use footnotes, and include a bibliography, page numbers, and a title page.

Participation: Students will be evaluated on the quality of their contributions to class discussions which show engagement with the course readings, lectures, and wider themes of the course. More information will be provided in class.

Mid-Term Test (Nov. 26): A two-hour mid-term test will be held during regular class hours on Monday November 26.

Final Exam (April Examination Period)
A final exam to be scheduled by the registrar’s office will cover material from the entire course.

Written Assignments: All written assignments should be typed, double spaced with one inch margins. See below for the Huron History Department’s regulations on late penalties.

History Department Regulations Governing Assignments, Late Penalties, and Extensions
The History Department has specified that:
1. All essays are to be submitted in hard copy, typed and double-spaced on substantial white paper.

2. Footnotes, endnotes and bibliographies are to be prepared according to the Departmental Guide (which follows).

3. Late marks are calculated on the paper copy submitted to the instructor or in the Essay Drop Box (outside A116). Late penalties are calculated according to calendar day, including weekends.

4. In first and second year courses lateness will be penalized as follows: First day late -- 3 marks deduction. Each subsequent calendar day late -- 2 marks per day deduction.

5. Third and fourth year seminars will be penalized for lateness at the rate of half a grade (5%) per day.

6. No paper or seminar will be accepted if it is more than seven calendar days late.

7. Extensions will only be given for assignments worth more than 10% with medical documentation submitted through Academic Counseling.

8. Students must complete the written assignments worth more than 10% to pass essay courses.

**Huron Statement on Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is an academic offense and will be treated as such. Students who are in doubt as to the nature of this offence should consult their instructor, Department Chair, or Dean’s Office, as well as the Huron University College Statement on Plagiarism, available at the Reference Desk in the Huron University College Library. In addition, students may seek guidance from a variety of current style manuals available at the Reference Desk in the Huron University College Library. Information about these resources can be found at http://www.huronuc.on.ca/CurrentStudents/StudentLifeandSupportServices/WritingCentre

**Lecture Schedule and Reading Assignments**

**Week 1: Sept. 10-12**

Mon: Introduction: What is Global History?
Weds: Empires and Imperialism.

**Week 2: Sept. 17-19**

Mon: 1. The Global System before 1492
Weds: Trade and Religion

**Week 3: Sept. 24-26**
Mon: The Silk Road *(Map Quiz #1 The Greater Middle East)*
Weds: The Crusades

**Week 4: Oct. 1-3**
Mon: Al-Andalus and the Reconquista
Weds: Trade and Disease: The Black Death

**Week 5: Oct. 8-10 – No Class – Thanksgiving/Fall Reading Week**

**Week 6: Oct. 15-17**
Mon: The European Renaissance and the Age of European Expansion
Weds: The Rise of Europe: Theories *Critical Review Essay Due*
Tutorial Readings: Discussion of Essay Material

**Week 7: Oct. 22-24**
Mon: The Spanish Conquest of the Aztec and Incan Empires
Weds: Contact in North America

**Week 8: Oct. 29-31**
Mon: Slave Systems
Weds: Slavery in the New World

**Week 9: Nov. 5-7**
Mon: The Ottoman Empire *(Map Quiz #2 Europe)*

**Week 10: Nov. 12-13**
Mon: The Rise of the East India Company. The Seven Years’ War
Weds: The Industrial Revolution
Tutorial: Midterm-Test Discussion

**Week 11: Nov. 19-21**
Mon: Early Modern China to the Opium Wars
Weds: The Opium Trade

**Week 12: Nov. 26-28**
Mon: Mid-Term Test
Weds: Taiping Rebellion
Readings: No readings

**Week 13: Dec. 3-5**
Mon: Climate: 1816, The Year without a Summer.
Weds: Colonial Networks

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**Week 14: Jan. 7-9**
Mon: The New Imperialism and the Scramble for Africa. Case Study: The Asante

**Week 15: Jan. 14-16**
Mon: Case Study: Khartoum (Map Quiz # 3 Africa)
Weds: Case Study: The Congo Free State
**Week 16: Jan. 21-23**
Mon: Case Study: French Indochina *Essay Proposals Due*
Weds: The American Empire

**Week 17: Jan. 28-30**
Mon: Communism and Modernization Theories
Weds: Modern Warfare on the Silk Road: The Russian Civil War in the East.

**Week 18: Feb. 4-6**
Mon: The Decline of the Ottoman Empire and Rise of Modern Turkey
Weds: World War I in Africa

**Week 19: Feb. 11-13**
Mon: Case Study: Tokugawa and Meiji Japan (Map Quiz # 4 Asia)

Feb. 18-20
**READING WEEK. NO CLASSES.**

**Week 20: Feb. 25-27**
Mon: The British Raj in India and The Indian Freedom Movement

**Week 21: Mar. 4-6**
Mon: The Chinese Revolution and Post-Revolutionary China **Research Essays Due**
Week 22: Mar. 11-13
Mon: Colonial Rule and Nationalism in Interwar Africa
Wed: Arab Nationalism

Week 23: Mar. 18-20
Mon: Museums, Artifacts, and Repatriation
Tutorial Readings: Repatriation Debates (Collection Prepared by Instructor).
Wed: Failed States

Week 24: Mar. 25-27
Mon: Genocide in the 20th Century. Liberal Interventionism.
Wed: Piracy and Global Trade Networks

Week 25: Apr. 1-3
Mon: The 21st Century
Readings: TBD
Wed: Revisiting Modernization Theory

Week 26: Apr. 8: Review

The Appendix to Course Outlines is posted on the OWL course site.