MODERN WORLD HISTORY

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Course Description
A world history course differs from most other history courses in that it does not focus on events only in a single country or civilization. Accordingly, students will be encouraged to think in broad comparative global contexts when discussing topics, issues and themes presented in this course. In this course, we will examine significant aspects of modern world history, using mainly an issue approach to understanding the major events of the twentieth century. It will focus on the impact of the scientific, industrial and political revolutions in Western and non-Western civilizations. Particular attention will be given to the demise of empires and the rise of the modern nation-state; theories of modern government; the politicization of the masses in the nineteenth century and twentieth century; the world wars of the first half of the twentieth century; the ideologies of liberalism, democracy, fascism and communism; the post-World War II world order and the collapse of colonial empires; major economic theories of industrial states; the reemergence of East Asian civilizations to the center of world power; and the explosion of non-Western religious nationalism currently in opposition to the modern secular state and the Western-led international world order.

Course Schedule
This Summer Session II course meets from 8:00 AM to 9:50 AM on every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from July 8 to August 15. All classes are in Gruening Hall, Room #409, for a total of 24 sessions, including the introductory session on Monday, July 8 and the final session on Thursday, August 15.

Office Hours
Mondays: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Thursdays: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
And, by appointment.

Required Texts/References
This course requires the purchase of the following texts:
1) William J. Duiker, Contemporary World History
2) Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism
3) Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations
4) James Womack, Daniel Jones and Daniel Roos, The Machine That Changed the World
**Course Work/Expectations**
Grades will be based on the following: class participation/attendance (10 points), first midterm exam (50 points), second midterm exam (50 points) and final exam (100 points). The midterm exams (one hour exams) are on Monday, July 22, and Monday, August 5. The final exam for this course is on the last day of scheduled classes, Thursday, August 15.

**Attendance and Class Participation**
As indicated above, a part of your final grade will be based on class attendance and class participation. Accordingly, regular attendance and class participation are expected. Unexcused absences will automatically begin to lower your grade.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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<th>July 8</th>
<th>Introduction to Modern World History</th>
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| July 16 | Western Powers and East Asia in the Nineteenth Century |

July 17  
**World War I: Civil War within Western Civilization**

Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 4, pp. 70-94.

July 18  
**Nationalist Revolutions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America**


July 22  
**War of the World, 1931-1945**

Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 6, pp. 120-143.

**FIRST MIDTERM EXAM**

July 23  
**War of the World, 1931-1945**

Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 6, pp. 120-143.

July 24  
**Global Cold War**


July 25  
**Rise and Fall of Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe**


July 29  
**Postwar Europe: On the Path to Unity?**

Reading: William J. Duiker, Contemporary World History, Chapter 10, pp. 209-228.

July 30  
**Postwar Japan**

Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 11, pp. 229-238.

**Documentary Film:**  *

*INSIDE JAPAN INC*
July 31  Postwar South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, and Hong Kong

August 1  Japanese Manufacturing Technology

August 5  Mao Zedong’s Communist Revolution in China
Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 12, pp. 252-256.

SECOND MIDTERM EXAM

August 6  Deng Xiaoping and Communist China after Mao

Documentary Film: *THE MAO YEARS 1960-1976*

August 7  Nationalism in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Africa Since 1945

August 8  Ferment in the Middle East-1

August 12  Ferment in the Middle East-2

August 13  A Personal Journey from Islamic Fundamentalism to Secularism and Freedom
August 14  **Opening the Muslim Mind and Defeating Radical Militant Islamic Fundamentalism**


August 15  **FINAL EXAM**