

HISTORY F100X-F81/F82 (CRN: 51337/51379)  
**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 nationalisms currently in opposition to the modern secular state and the Western-led international world order.

**Course Schedule**

This Full Summer Session course meets from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on every Monday and Wednesday from May 20 to August 7. All classes are in Bunnell Building, Room #313, for a total of 23 sessions, including the introductory session on Monday, May 20 and the final exam on Wednesday, August 7.

**Office Hours**

Mondays: 5:30 PM—6:00 PM  
Wednesdays: 8:00 PM—8:30 PM

*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, June 10, and Monday, July 1. The final exam for this course is on the last day of scheduled classes, Wednesday, August 7.

### **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 5 points per day.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **May 20 Introduction to Modern World History**

Reading: Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, Introduction, pp. 1-7; Chapter 2, pp. 9-22 & p. 36.

### **May 22 World of Great Religious Communities and Dynastic Realms**

Reading: Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, Chapters 3-4, pp. 37-65.

### **May 27 MEMORIAL DAY (NO CLASS)**

### **May 29 Globalization of Nationalism**

Reading: Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, Chapter 6, pp. 83-111.

### **June 3 Scientific, Industrial and Political Revolutions in the Western World**

Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 1, pp. 2-25.

### **June 5 Western Colonialism in Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia**

Reading: William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 2, pp. 26-46.

June 10      **Western Powers and East Asia in the Nineteenth Century**

Reading:      William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 3,  
pp. 47-65.

**FIRST MIDTERM EXAM**

June 12      **World War I: Civil War within Western Civilization**

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

June 17      **Nationalist Revolutions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America**

Reading:      William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 5,  
pp. 95-119.

June 19      **War of the World, 1931-1945**

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

June 24      **War of the World, 1931-1945**

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

June 26      **Global Cold War**

Reading:      William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 7,  
pp. 148-167.

July 1      **Rise and Fall of Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe**

Reading:      William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 9,  
pp. 190-208.

**SECOND MIDTERM EXAM**

July 3      **Postwar Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, and Hong Kong**

Reading:      William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 11,  
pp. 229-247.

Documentary Film:    ***INSIDE JAPAN INC***

- July 8           **Japanese Manufacturing Technology**
- Reading:       James Womack, Daniel Jones and Daniel Roos, *The Machine That Changed the World*, Chapters 1-4, pp.11-103.
- July 10          **Mao Zedong's Communist Revolution in China**
- Reading:       William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 12, pp. 252-257.
- Documentary Film:   ***THE MAO YEARS 1960-1976***
- July 15          **Deng Xiaoping and Communist China after Mao**
- Reading:       William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 12, pp. 257-270.
- July 17          **Chinese Economic Nationalism and the Decline of Manufacturing in the United States**
- Documentary Film:   ***DEATH BY CHINA: HOW AMERICA LOST ITS MANUFACTURING BASE***
- July 22          **Ferment in the Middle East-1**
- Reading:       William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 15, pp. 309-327.
- July 24          **Ferment in the Middle East-2**
- Reading:       William J. Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, Chapter 15, pp. 309-327.
- July 29          **A Personal Journey from Islamic Fundamentalism to Secularism and Freedom**
- Reading:       Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations*, Part I, pp. 3-92; Part II, pp. 95-145.
- July 31          **Opening the Muslim Mind and Defeating Radical Militant Islamic Fundamentalism**
- Reading:       Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations*, Part III, pp. 149-201; Part IV, pp. 205-217.

August 5	<b>Review</b>
August 7	<b><u>FINAL EXAM</u></b>