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**

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

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

May 29  **Globalization of Nationalism**

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

June 5  **Western Colonialism in Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia**
June 10  Western Powers and East Asia in the Nineteenth Century  

**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  

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  

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

**SECOND MIDTERM EXAM**

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

Documentary Film: *INSIDE JAPAN INC*
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<td><strong>Opening the Muslim Mind and Defeating Radical Militant Islamic Fundamentalism</strong></td>
<td>Ayaan Hirsi Ali, <em>From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations</em>, Part III, pp. 149-201; Part IV, pp. 205-217.</td>
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August 5  Review
August 7  FINAL EXAM