

History 120  
Fall 2002  
JKSA 208  
T/TH 9: 30-10:50

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### **Course Description**

History 120 is a survey of world history from 1600 to the present. Special attention will be devoted to the European conquest and settlement of the New World, the great revolutions of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the First and Second World Wars, the Cold War and decolonization. This course will provide a basic foundation for understanding the great political, social, economic and cultural events and movements of the past 400 years and will give students sufficient background to proceed with more advanced history courses on the 300 level.

**Instructor Expectations** Class attendance is mandatory and roll will be taken at the beginning of each meeting. Students with excessive absences (as defined in the course catalogue) will be dropped from the roster and assigned a WN. Students are also expected to complete all reading assignments as detailed in the course syllabus. Finally, I expect that all members of this course will actively participate in both small group and class discussions.

**Graded Material** Final grades are based on three exams (short answer and essay) and one five page essay (typed, double spaced, excluding required bibliography and title page) and are calculated as follows:

Exam 1 33 %

Exam 2 33%

Essay 34%

**Makeup exams will be given at instructor's discretion and only for verified emergencies. Late essays will be penalized one letter grade per day.**

**Required Reading** Jiu-Hwa Upshur, et. al. *World History*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. New York: West/ Wadsworth, 2000. (Available for rental at the bookstore)

**Preparing for Exams** Approximately 1 week before each exam you will receive a comprehensive study guide listing all possible exam questions. By this time, however, you should already have begun your preparation. Short answer questions will be taken from both lecture and text and students who earn superior marks on their exam generally prepare answers for 10-15 short answer questions per week and discuss them with me during office hours. Essay questions, meanwhile, are often drawn from class discussion questions. Once again, students who earn an A in my class take thorough notes during these discussions and review their ideas with me in office hours. Preparation is key to a successful exam. Experience has shown that if you attempt to complete all readings and prepare for the exam at the last minute you will learn very little and earn a low grade.

**Preparing the Essay** Your essay will take the form of a review of a motion picture's historical accuracy. Typically, the first 1-2 pages of your review will explain your thesis and offer a brief review of the film that you selected. The remaining 3-4 pages will offer an in depth analysis of the film's historical accuracy. In order to properly complete your assignment you will need to use lecture and course readings as well as at least one outside source. You may, for example, review *Pearl Harbor* and examine the portrayal of such issues as Japanese-American efforts to avert war, the reasons for the attack and the damage caused by the Japanese strike. Your papers must contain foot, end or parenthetical notes as well as a bibliography. I encourage all students to submit a rough draft of their work for review, as you will not be allowed to rewrite your papers after the final submission date. Essay grades are based on content and presentation and I will assign failing grades to papers with excessive spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors or awkward and unclear sentences. **You must obtain my written approval for your film choice by October 15.**

### **Lecture, Reading, and Exam Schedule**

August 22 Introduction

#### **Europe and the New World (Chapter 11)**

27 The Rise and Fall of Spain and the Spanish Empire(459-462 and 528-532)

29 The Rise and Decline of France and the French Empire(462-464)

#### **September**

3 England and the New World Empire(464-469, 472-477and 488-495)

#### **The Far East(432-451)**

5 Manchu China

10 Tokugawa Japan

#### **Revolution and Modernization (Chapter 12-13)**

12 The French Revolutions and the Napoleonic Wars(512-528)

17 The Rise of Germany(539-541)

19 Japan, the Meiji Restoration and the Japanese Empire(587-590)

#### **The First World War and the Rise and Fall of the New World Order(Chapter 13-14)**

24 The Origins of the First World War(594-598)

26 The First World War(598-605)

**October**

1 The Communist Revolutions(642-650)

3 The Versailles and Washington Conference Systems I (605-615)

**8 Midterm Exam**

10 Fall Break

15 Versailles and Washington II(**Paper Topics Due**)

**The Second World War and the Cold War(Chapter 15)**

17 The Origins of the Second World War (672-687)

22 The Second World War, Europe(687-702)

24 The Second World War, Asia(687-702)

29 The Onset of the Cold War and the early Cold War in Europe(702-710)

31 Waging Cold War in Asia(724-729)

**November**

5 Latin America in a Cold War World((731-740)

**Decolonization, Wars of National Liberation, and Independence (Chapter 16)**

7 Decolonization in Asia- India and Vietnam(714-718 and 724-730)

12 Decolonization in Africa-The Gold Coast, Kenya, French West Africa, and Algeria(718-724)

14 The Middle East, I(762-768) (**Optional Rough Drafts Due**)

19 The Middle East, II

**The Cold War Ends(Chapter 16- 17)**

21 The Japanese Miracle

26 European Recovery and Revival(743-745) (**Papers Due in Class**)

28 Thanksgiving

**December**

3 Communist China from Mao to Tiananmen Square

5 The Soviet Union and the Revolutions of 1989( 745-759 and 756-757)

10 TBA

**12 Final Exam 9:30-11:20**

Suggested Movie List

History 120

The Last Emperor

Elizabeth

Tora Tora Tora

Midway

Breaker Morant

Gallipoli

The Year of Living Dangerously

All Quiet on the Western Front

Gandhi

Lawrence of Arabia

The King and I

The Sound of Music

Doctor Zhivago

Reds

Pork Chop Hill

The Killing Fields

Exodus

Patton

Rommel

The Battle of Britain

The Longest Day

The Missiles of October

13 Days

Schindler's List

For Whom the Bell Tolls

The Sand Pebbles