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HIST 213-HM1: The Twentieth Century World

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New Jersey Institute of Technology

The 20th Century World-Honors

Fall Session 2020

Course Syllabus-Converged

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Office Hours:*

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 9:00am to 3:45pm by appointment

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am to 2:00 pm by appointment

*additional evening hours by appointment

HIST 213-HMI meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:20pm in Kupfrian Hall room #207

Converged Class:

Delivery of instruction is independent of place, merging the physical and virtual classrooms. There is an attendance expectation and students can choose to attend class face-to-face or using real-time synchronous video conferencing technology. Some instructors may require occasional proctored exams. (Sometimes referred to as a synchronous distributed course).

Course Description:

In this course we shall use case studies to provide an inter-disciplinary view of the 20th century world. Selected cultural, literary, philosophical, and artistic movements are discussed in the context of major historical developments of the century. This course satisfies three credits of the GER in Cultural History. Prerequisite to this class is HUM 102.

General Education Goals:

HIST- 213 is affirmed in the following General Education Foundation Category: **Historical Perspective**. The corresponding General Goal is as follows: Students will understand historical events and movements in the world, both Western and non-Western, and assess their subsequent significance.

Course Objectives:

Knowledge of history is of the greatest importance due to the fact that the world we live in today is the direct result of various historical developments. The students of the course will analyze historical events and movements of the 20th century and assess their subsequent significance. Students will use critical thinking and problem solving skills to analyze information and develop their writing skills by producing a historically themed research paper. Additionally students will learn how to synthesize historical and geographical information acquired through the understanding of **maps** and **primary source** information.

Course Goals:

Upon completion of this course, students should specifically be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of some of the fundamental concepts and theories of historical events and ideas related to the 20th Century World.
2. Evaluate global exchanges and perspectives in context of social, political, religious, and intellectual traditions.
3. Read, analyze, organize and synthesize, evidence, historical problems, and interpretations connected to the history of the 20th Century World.

Measurable Course Performance Objectives (MPOs):

Upon successful completion of this course, students should specifically be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of some of the fundamental concepts and theories of historical events and ideas related to human societies, including but not limited to Africa, India, China, Latin America, Europe, and the United States.
 - 1.1 *Identify and describe key terms, names and places of major events of the 20th Century World.*
 - 1.2 *Evaluate the validity of various interpretations of historical events and institutions.*
 - 1.3 *Clarify and summarize information pertaining to historical events and ideas in a **Research Paper**.*
2. Evaluate global exchanges and perspectives in context of social, political, religious, and intellectual traditions.
 - 2.1 *Identify places and nation states on historical maps.*
 - 2.2 *Discuss social structures, religious ideas and institutions, and intellectual traditions.*
3. Read, Analyze, organize, and synthesize evidence, historical problems, and interpretations connected to the history of the 20th Century World
 - 3.1 *Use primary and secondary sources to show how historical problems are confronted.*
 - 3.2 *Conduct research and explore reliable resources on the history of the 20th Century World*

Methods of Instruction:

Instruction will consist of lectures, visual aids, class discussion, and the viewing of films and documentaries.

Required Textbooks:

Findley, Carter and Rothney, John Alexander. *Twentieth Century World Sixth Or Seventh Edition. (Seventh Edition is now available)* Houghton Mifflin Company: Boston Mass., 2006. ISBN: 9780618522637

Gilbert, Martin. *The First World War, A Complete History.* Henry Holt and Company: New York New York, 1994. ISBN: 0-8050-4734-4

Suggested Reading:

Achebe, Chinua, *Things Fall Apart, 50th Anniversary Edition*. Anchor Books: New York New York, 1994. ISBN: 0-385-47454-7

Capozzola, Christopher *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War One and The Making of the Modern American Citizen*. Oxford University Press: New York, NY 2008. ISBN: 978-0-19-973479-5 (pbk.)

Primary Source Literature:

Selected Primary Source Readings by: *Otto von Bismarck, Heinrich Treitschke, Woodrow Wilson, Nikolai Bukharin, Evgeny Preobrazhensky, Adolf Hitler, Mao Zedong, Ruhollah Khomeini, Ho Chi Minh, Eva Peron, Mohandas Gandhi, Ronald Reagan, and Harry S. Thurman*. (Provided by the Instructor on Moodle)

Course Requirements:

One Research paper- 7-8 pages in length valued at	25%
Examinations- mid-term and final valued at 20% each	40%
Reaction Paper at 10%	10%
Pop-quizzes – at 5% each	5 %
Map Test -	5 %
Discussion Groups/reaction papers three @ 3.33% each	10%
Attendance/ Class participation valued at 2.5% each	<u>5%</u>
	100%

Exam Policy:

Mid-term and final exam will be given only during scheduled times. The one exception being that the final may be rescheduled if the student has **three** exams scheduled on the same day. See me well *before* the day of your exam.

Grading:

A- 90-100% **Superior Work:** demonstrates excellent writing, analytical, and interpretive skills.

B- 80-84% **Above Average Work:** demonstrates good writing, analytical, and interpretive skills


B+- (same as above but with a score of 85 -89%)

C- 70-74% **Average Work:** demonstrates writing, analytical, and interpretive skills that are at a college entry level.

C+ (same as above but with a score of 75-79%)

D- 60-69% **Below Average Work:** demonstrates writing, analytical, and interpretive skills that are below a college entry level.

F- Below 60% **Failure:** work that shows little effort or that is incomplete.

<p>September 22nd</p>	<p>World War One <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #3 Reading: “<i>The Fourteen Points</i>” by Woodrow Wilson Reaction Paper Due. Question: How did the Central Powers go from the verge of triumph in 1917 to total collapse just one year later? Movie “<i>all Quiet on the Western Front</i>” (part two) All Quiet on the Western Front Discussion, due 9/22& 9/24</p>
<p>September 29th</p>	<p>The Bolshevik Revolution in World Perspective <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #4 Reading: : “<i>The ABC of Communism</i>” by Nikolai Bukharin and Evgeny Preobrazhensky (1919) Reading Quiz #2 Due Oct. 1st Receive Midterm review guide</p>
<p>October 6th</p>	<p>Global Economic Crisis: The Great Depression and the 1930's Read <u>Findley:</u> chapter #5 Watch “<i>The crash of 1929</i>’ Submit one to two page research paper outline The Crash of 1929 Discussion due</p>
<p>October 13th</p>	<p>Fascism and the Road to War <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #6 Readings: “<i>Mein Kampf</i>” by Adolf Hitler(1923), “<i>Last Will and Testament</i>”by Adolf Hitler (1945) Watch “The Nazis, A Warning from History” The Nazis, A warning from History Discussion Due Oct. 13th and 15th</p>
<p>October 20th</p>	<p>MIDTERM EXAM In person or online</p>
<p>October 27th</p>	<p>World War Two: The Final Crisis for European Global Dominance <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #10 World War Two Discussion Due March 24th and March 26th</p>
	

November 3 rd *	The Cold War: The age of Super Power Rivalry <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #11 Reading: “ <i>The Truman Doctrine</i> ” by Harry S. Truman (1947) Watch “ <i>The Atomic Café</i> ” *Last week to drop a class
November 10 th	Uncertain Progress: The 1970s and 1980’s <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #12 The Atomic Cafe Discussion - DUE: 11/10/20 and 11/12/20
November 17 th	The End of The Cold War Review Chapters 11&12 Reading: “ <i>The ‘Evil’ Empire Speech</i> ” by Ronald Reagan (1982) Just who won the Cold War and how? Submit a 1 to 2 page reaction paper Due 11/19/2020
November 24 th No classes met on 11/26. 	Independence for the Developing Countries <u>Read Findley:</u> chapters #13 and #14 Reading “ <i>The Vietnamese Declaration of Independence</i> ” by Ho Chi Minh (1945) Map Review- “The Middle East” Extended Research week 11/24/20 Research paper review. No formal class
December 1 st	The Middle East Since World War two <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #15 Reading: “Message to the Pilgrims: by Ruhollah Khomeini (1980) Receive final exam review guide Map test #2-The Middle east *Research papers due*
December 8 th Last Day of Class 10/10/20	Asia Since World War Two <u>Read Findley:</u> chapter #16 Reading: “ <i>Fighting for Perpetual Peace</i> ” by Mao Zedong (1938) Watch :” the Great Leap, Communism in China 1949-1977” Final Exam Review
December 15 th to 21 st .	Final Exam Week Date T.B A. Research Papers Returned Grades due by Dec.23rd

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***Schedule subject to change**

And I guarantee this WILL Change and Often.