

# HISTORY 2720W A01

## THE WORLD SINCE 1945 (6 credit hours)

**2009-2010**

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**Class schedule:** Mon, Wed., Fri. 8:30-9:20 am, Sep. to April  
**Location:** 235 Isbister

**Office Hours:** Wed. 9:30-10:30 or by appointment

**Course Description:** This course will examine the results of the Second World War and its effects on the political, social and economic development of the world in the second half of the twentieth century. Particular emphasis will be given to the struggle known as the Cold War between the western world led by the United States, and the eastern world influenced by the Soviet Union and Communist China. An attempt will also be made to understand the causes of economic disparity between the developed and developing countries. We will then examine the reasons for the demise of the Soviet Union, the appearance of the United States of America as the major world power, its apparent decline, and the emergence of a multi-polar world.

### **Evaluation:**

Essay #1	20%	<b>due Nov 2, 2009</b>
Essay #2	30%	<b>due Feb. 8, 2010</b>
Mid-Term	10%	<b>Jan 6, 2010</b>
Final exam	40%	<b>TBA.</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

### **Note:**

**Since it is impossible to understand fully world history and international relations without a minimum knowledge of geography, students are urged/encouraged/cajoled to consult an Atlas so as to familiarize themselves with the world's physical and political features.**

**There will be a short map component for the final exam.**

**Essays:** These will be of a minimum of 6-8 pages, of a minimum of 1500 words each. All term work will be evaluated and returned prior to the Voluntary Withdrawal date of March 19, 2010. These essays will be analytical in nature, topics being supplied the first week of classes.

**Late Papers:** The grades for late papers will be discounted by 10% each day to a maximum of 3 days. Papers more than 3 days late will not be accepted, and will receive a grade of 0%.

**Text:** William R. Keylor, *A World of Nations: The International Order Since 1945*, Second Edition, (New York, Oxford University Press, 2009).

Other readings may be assigned.

**Optional:** Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing History*  
William Strunk Jr. and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style*  
(**You may find these two useful when writing essays.**)

Both of these books are available at the University Bookstore

**Plagiarism:** If you are not aware of the regulations concerning plagiarism, cheating and impersonation, please consult the U of M calendar, section 3.5. Normally plagiarism carries a minimum penalty of an F for the assignment. The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism in a written assignment, test, or examination is F on the paper and the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, the penalty may include suspension up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

**Voluntary Withdrawal Date: March 19, 2010.**

**Letter Grade equivalents:**

<b>A+ 90-100</b>	<b>B+ 74-79</b>	<b>C+ 62-67</b>	<b>D 50-54</b>	<b>F 0-49</b>
<b>A 80-89</b>	<b>B 68-73</b>	<b>C 55-61</b>		

Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them. Uncollected term work will become the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.

## Bibliography

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- Abdalla M. Battah and Yehuda Lucaks, eds., *The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Two Decades of Change*, (1988)
- Bruce Cumings, *The Origins of the Korean War*, (1981)
- David A. Dallin, *Soviet Foreign Policy after Stalin*, (1961)
- Robert A. Divine, *Eisenhower and the Cold War*, (1980)
- Foster Rhea Dulles, *American Foreign Policy Toward Communist China, 1949-1969*, (1972)
- David Floyd, *Mao Against Khrushchev*, (1963)
- Richard Freeland, *The Truman Doctrine and the Origins of McCarthyism*, (1971)
- Alfred Grosser, *The Western Alliance*, (1980)
- Louis Halle, *The Cold War as History*, (1967)
- George C. Heering, *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975*, (1986)
- Trumbull Higgins, *The Perfect Failure: Kennedy, Eisenhower and the Bay of Pigs*, (1987)
- Michael J. Hogan, *The Marshall Plan: America, Britain and the Reconstruction of Western Europe, 1947-52*, (1987)
- Stanley Karnow, *Vietnam: A History*, (1983)
- Walter LeFeber, *America, Russia, and the Cold War*, (2 vols. 1976)
- Vojtech Mastny, *Russia's Road to the Cold War: Diplomacy, Warfare, and the Politics of Communism, 1941-45*, (1979)
- Harvey W. Nelsen, *Power and Insecurity: Beijing, Moscow and Washington, 1949-1988*, (1989)
- John Newhouse, *Cold Dawn: The Story of SALT*, (1973)
- Thomas J. Noer, *Cold War and Black Liberation: The United States and White Rule in Africa, 1948-68*, (1985)
- Robert L. Pfaltzgraff, Jr. *Britain Faces Europe*, (1969)
- Howard M. Sachar, *Europe leaves the Middle East, 1936-1954*, (1972)
- Michael Schaller, *The American Occupation of Japan*, (1985)
- Jan Schick, *The Berlin Crisis of 1961*, (1973),
- Robert Solomon, *The International Monetary System 1945-76*, (1977)
- Steven L. Spiegel et al., eds., *The Soviet American Competition in the Middle East*, (1988)
- A. E. Walsh and J. Paxton, *Into Europe: The Structure and Development of the Common Market*, (1972)

### 2) 1975-present

- Nafeez Mossadeq Ahmed, *Behind the War on Terror: Werstyern Secret Strategy and the Struggle for Iraq*, (2003)
- Mohammed E. Ahrari, *OPEC the Failing Giant*, (1986)
- Geoffrey Aronson, *Creating Facts: Israel, Palestinians and the West Bank*, (1987)
- Richard J. Barnett and Ronald E. Mueller, *Global Reach: The Power of the Multinational Corporations*, (1974)

Bela Belassa, *Change And Challenge in the World Economy*, (1985)  
 Peter Calvocoressi, *Independent Africa and the World*, (1985)  
 Hsiang-tse Chiang, *The United States and China*, (1988)  
 Noam Chomsky, *Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance*, (2003)  
 Noam Chomsky, *Manufacturing Consent*, (2002)  
 Ramsey Clark, *The Fire this Time: U.S. War Crimes in the Gulf*, (1992)  
 William Clark, *Petrodollar Warfare: Oil, Iraq and the Future of the Dollar*, (2005)  
 Greg Grandin, *Empire's Workshop: Latin America the United States and the Rise of the New Imperialism*, (2006)  
 Dilip Hiro, *Holy Wars: The Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism*, (1989)  
 Samuel S. Kim, *China and the World*, (1989)  
 Ralph King, *The Iran –Iraq War: The Political Implications*, (1987)  
 Parag Khanna, *The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order*, (2008)  
 Naomi Klein, *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, (2007)  
 Philippe LeGrain, *Open World: The Truth about Globalization*, (2002)  
 Waler LeFeber, *Inevitable Revolutions: The United States in Central America*, (1983)  
 Morris Morley, *Imperial State and Revolution: The United States and Cuba, 1952-1986*, (1988)  
 Ralph I. Onwuka and Timothy M. Shaw, *Africa and World Politics*, (1989)  
 Akhmed Rashid, *Descent into Chaos: The U.S. and the Disaster in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia*, (2008).  
 W. W. Rostow, *The United States and the Regional Organization of Asia and the Pacific, 1965-1985*, (1986)  
 John Perkins, *Confessions of an Economic Hit-man*, (2004)  
 Anna Politkovskaya, *Putin's Russia*, (2004)  
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 Richard W. Stevenson, *The Rise and Fall of Détente*, (1985)  
 Diana Tussie, ed., *Latin America in the World Economy*, (1983)  
 Gore Vidal, *Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace*, (2002)  
 Curtis White, *The Middle Mind: Why Americans Don't Think for Themselves*, (2004)  
 Stanley Wolpert, *Roots of Confrontation in South Asia: Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and the Super Powers*, (1982)  
 Karel G. von Wolferen, *The Enigma of Japanese Power*, (1989)

### **Some Useful Journals**

Counterpunch  
 Current History  
 Diplomatic History  
 Far Eastern Economic Review  
 Foreign Affairs  
 Foreign Policy  
 Hispanic American Historical Review  
 International Affairs  
 International History Review  
 International Security  
 Journal of Cold War Studies

Middle East Journal  
Political Science Quarterly  
Soviet Survey  
Survival  
World Politics

### Newspapers

Al-Ahram Weekly  
Christian Science Monitor  
Daily Star (Beirut)  
Frontline (India)  
Ha'aretz  
Economist  
Financial Post  
Financial Times  
Globe and Mail  
Guardian (U.K.)  
Jerusalem Post  
National Post  
New Republic  
New York Times  
Observer  
Straits Times (Singapore)  
The Times (India)  
Washington Post

In addition, Atlantic Monthly, Harper's Magazine, Maclean's, and The New York Times Magazine, sometimes contain interesting, critical articles and discussions.

### Reading Schedule First Term

Sep.	11	Introduction
	14	Second World War
	15-30	Ch. 1: The Bipolar World
		Ch. 2: The Militarization of Containment
Oct.	1-16	Ch. 3: The Rise and Fall of <i>Détente</i>
	19-30	Ch. 4: The Decline and Fall of the Soviet Empire
	<b>12</b>	<b>Thanksgiving, no classes</b>
Nov.	1-13	Ch. 4, (cont). Video: "Berlin Wall"
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day: no classes</b>
	16-30	Ch. 5: European Unity and Disunity
Dec.	1-9	Ch. 6: The Revolution of Inter-American Relations

**Second Term Outline will be distributed on January 6, 2010**

