

BRANDON UNIVERSITY
HISTORY 154
World History Since 1500
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This course focuses on the history of civilisation from 1500 to 1914. We pick up the story at the point when a number of important empires were established and when Western Europe began to dominate the world. This section of the course, titled “The World Shrinks”, runs from 1500 to about 1750. We then move on to consider the impact of industrialisation has had on world history: the consolidation of Western domination and the various responses this evoked. This section is titled “Industrialisation and Western Hegemony” and covers the period from about 1750 to 1914, the beginning of World War One.

The central questions this course seeks to explore concern the nature and value of civilisation: can it exist without exploitation? Or does civilisation mean wealth and comfort and benefits for only the chosen few?

Required Texts

Albert Craig, *et.al.*, *The Heritage of World Civilizations*, 8th ed., Vol. 2, (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Pearson Prentice-Hall, 2009).

Peter Stearns, *et.al.*, *Documents in World History*, 5th ed., Vol. 2, (New York: Pearson Longman, 2009).

Assignments

You will be required to write two 1,800 to 2,000 word essays. Each must be typed and double-spaced. Your essays must have title pages, endnotes or footnotes, and bibliographies. The papers will be based on two sets of readings in *Documents in World History*. Using these, you will construct an answer to a question I am going to give you.

There will be a 50-minute in-class mid-term test. There will also be a two-hour final examination.

Course Evaluation & Due Dates

Monday 9 February	25%	First Essay
Wednesday 25 February	20%	Mid-term Test
Wednesday 18 March	25%	Second Essay
Participation in Class	10%	
Friday 17 April, a.m.	20%	Final Examination

Please Note the Following:

Attendance is expected at all lectures and seminar discussions. The lectures do not simply rehash the course readings, but often focus on matters not covered in your texts. Please come ready to talk in the tutorial sessions. If you miss the test, the exam, or you do not hand in your essays on time because you are ill, you must supply a doctor's note.

In fairness to students who produce their essays on time, I will assign a penalty for late work. If you are having difficulty with an assignment or you have any problems or questions concerning the course, please feel free to contact me by coming to my office, Rm. 307 Clark Hall, telephoning me at 727-9719 (you can leave a message if I am not in my office) or on e-mail at MacKay@Brandonu.ca.

I must warn you as well that written work which is not correctly formatted according to the standard format sheet (to be handed out in class) or which is full of writing errors, will be returned to you unmarked. You must fix the problems and resubmit the paper by the new due date which I will stipulate. You will be charged a 5 point return penalty.

According to history department regulations, all work submitted in this course must be prepared for history 154 alone (and not for any other course). The work must also be original. Plagiarism, taking the words or ideas of another without attribution, is a serious academic offence. If you are found guilty of plagiarism, Faculty of Arts regulations stipulate that you will be given a failing grade in the course and an "F-AD" (Fail-Academic Dishonesty) notation will appear on your transcript.

Your textbook, *The Heritage of World Civilizations*, gives you the narrative of events during the period covered by the course. We will not focus specifically on it in the tutorials; rather, I would recommend strongly that you read the relevant chapters **before** the lectures each week since you will need to understand what happened. In the tutorials our discussions will be based on the readings from *Documents in World History*. Often, the lectures will focus on problems or issues rather than giving you a narrative of events.

Grade Scheme in this Course

A+	90 – 100%	B-	70 - 72
A	85 – 89	C+	67 - 69
A-	80 – 84	C	63 - 66
B+	77 – 79	C-	60 - 62
B	73 – 76	D	50 - 59
		F	0 - 49

Lecture & Tutorial Schedule

Please note the following: ‘DWH’ refers to *Documents in World History*.
‘HWC’ refers to *The Heritage of World Civilizations*

WEEK ONE

Wed. 7 Jan. Lecture: Introduction
Fri. 9 Jan. Lecture: Guns, Germs, Steel (film)

WEEK TWO – *Background Reading HWC Ch. 18, pp.528-546.*

Mon. 12 Jan. Lecture: Contact & Domination
Wed. 14 Jan. **Tutorial: DWH, pp. 11-30.**
Fri. 16 Jan. **Writing Workshop**

WEEK THREE – *Background Reading HWC Ch. 17*

Mon. 19 Jan. **Library Session**
Wed. 21 Jan. Lecture: The Witch craze (film)
Fri. 23 Jan Lecture: The Disastrous Seventeenth Century

WEEK FOUR – *Background Reading HWC Ch. 20, pp. 604-626*

Mon. 26 Jan. Lecture: The Growth of Central Government
Wed. 28 Jan. Lecture: Scientific Revolution
Fri. 30 Jan. **Tutorial: DWH, pp. 38-53 & 60-66.**

WEEK FIVE – *Background Reading HWC Ch. 21*

Mon. 2 Feb. Lecture: Wendat & Haudonosaunee (film)
Wed. 4 Feb. Lecture: “White Indians”
Fri.6 Feb. Lecture: Islam

WEEK SIX – *Background Reading HWC Ch. 19*

Mon. 9 Feb. Lecture: China & Japan
Wed. 11 Feb. **Tutorial: DWH, pp. 67-98.**
Fri. 13 Feb. Review for Test

WEEK SEVEN

READING WEEK (16-20 Feb.) NO CLASSES

WEEK EIGHT *Background Reading HWC Ch. 22 & Ch 23, pp. 712-731.*
Mon. 23 Feb. Lecture: The Enlightenment & the French Revolution
Wed. 25 Feb. **IN-CLASS TEST**
Fri. 27 Feb. **Tutorial: DWH, pp. 54-59 & 127-135.**

WEEK NINE – *Background Reading HWC Ch. 15, pp. 436-450 & Ch. 18, pp. 546-559
& Ch. 23, pp. 736-741.*
Mon. 2 Mar. Lecture: African Societies
Wed. 4 Mar. Lecture: Slave Trade
Fri. 6 Mar. **Tutorial: DWH, pp. 31-37 & 119-124 & 232-237.**

WEEK TEN – *Background Reading HWC, Ch. 20, pp. 627-643 & Ch. 24, pp. 744-756
& 763-768 & Ch 25, pp. 781-800.*
Mon. 9 Mar. Lecture: Industrialisation
Wed. 11 Mar Lecture: Response in Europe
Fri. 13 Mar **NO CLASS**

WEEK ELEVEN – *Background Reading HWC, Ch. 27, pp. 855-863 & Ch. 28, pp. 880-893
& 898-911.*
Mon. 16 Mar. Lecture: Islam & China
Wed. 18 Mar. Lecture: Russia & Japan
Fri. 20 Mar. **Tutorial: DWH, pp. 136-141 & 182-204.**

WEEK TWELVE – *Background Reading HWC, Ch. 26 & Ch. 27, pp. 844-855.*
Mon. 23 Mar. Lecture: Latin America
Wed. 25 Mar. Lecture: The Raj
Fri. 27 Mar. Lecture: Guns, Germs, Steel (film)

WEEK THIRTEEN – *Background Reading HWC, Ch. 27, pp. 864-875 & Ch. 29.*
Mon. 30 Mar. Lecture: Imperialism
Wed. 1 Apr. Lecture: Imperialism II (film)
Fri. 3 Apr. Lecture: Causes of World War One (film)

WEEK FOURTEEN
Mon. 6 Apr. Lecture: World War One
Wed. 8 Apr. **Exam Review**