

HISTORY 130
THE MODERN WORLD IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
Department of History
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10-12.20 Tues Thurs. MAC 4059

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Course Objectives:

This course takes a third world approach to the 20th century, surveying political, economic, and social history. This course attempts to provide a rounded understanding of the contemporary world by examining all regions while emphasizing non-western history. Understanding third world history and its place in contemporary international affairs will be a key feature of the course. Issues examined include colonialism, decolonization, neocolonialism, Cold War proxy wars, rebellions, self-determination, globalization and independence movements.

Course Guidelines:

It is expected that you have read the course readings prior to the week's lectures. Note that lectures will not repeat the readings, but rather complement the readings. If you have questions regarding the readings, please address them during my office hours. Exam will be based on readings and lectures (including films).

If you miss a class, it is recommended that you borrow notes from a fellow student. Lecture notes will be placed on reserve in the library prior to the final exam. Note that due to the large number of students in this class, *I will not give lecture notes to students to photocopy or borrow*. Also, please do not request a copy electronically. Again, it is ideal to either borrow from a fellow student or to wait for copies of lecture notes to be placed on reserve in the library.

Course Texts:

Duiker and Momani (**D & M**). *Twentieth Century World History: A Canadian Perspective*. Thomson Nelson, 2007. ISBN/ISSN: 0176251545 (Available for sale at the Bookstore)

Course Evaluation:

20%	First Précis Assignment	October 6, 2009	<u>Due In Class</u>
20%	Second Précis Assignment	October 27 th , 2009	<u>Due In Class</u>
35%	Mid-term Exam	November 10 th 2009	<u>Held In Class</u>
25%	In-class test	December 3 rd , 2009	<u>Held In Class</u>

Précis Assignment:

Précis Reading: Due Oct. 6: Chibuike Uche “Oil, British Interests And The Nigerian Civil War” *The Journal Of African History*, Volume 49, Issue 01, March 2008, Pp 111-135.

Précis Reading: Due Oct. 27th: Avi Shlaim “The Debate about 1948” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 3 (Aug., 1995), pp. 287-304

These two assignments require you to efficiently summarize the above articles. Each assignment is a maximum of 2 double-spaced pages, with 1 inch margins (top, bottom, and sides) using 12 pitch font. You are being graded on your ability to effectively demonstrate the main arguments of the articles, summarize key points, and write well. All assignments must be handed in on the due date in class. No electronic copy will be accepted. Assignments received after class are considered late. No extensions will be given under any circumstance, so please *do not* ask. If you submit your paper late, including after class, note that a 10% late penalty will be deducted per day, including every day of the weekend. Late papers can be dropped off in the History Department Dropbox outside of HH 110. Note that no paper will be accepted one week after the due date and a mark of zero will be assigned.

These two précis readings are available at the library using e-Journal titles search. If you do not know how to access these online, please ask a Librarian at Dana Porter Library for assistance. Please see your TA in office hours for help and questions about your précis assignment.

Lecture Outline:

Part I

Week 1: September 15 and 17th: Introduction to the Twentieth Century in World History

Lecture Topics: Introduction; Latin American Populists and Dictators

Readings: D & M. Chapter 1

Week 2: September 22, 24th: Latin America's Struggle for Development

Lecture Topics: Argentina's 'Dirty War'; Guest Lecture: Rise of Brazil

Readings: D & M. Pages 84-88; pages 121-122

Week 3: Sept 29th, Oct 1st: Latin America: Neo-colonial Authoritarianism and Democracy

Lecture Topics: **Film:** Chile, Defeat of a Dictator; Drugs and Central America

Readings: D & M. Chapter 15

Week 4: October 6, 8th: Sub-Saharan Africa Under European Sway

Lecture Topics: Colonialism in Africa; Ethiopian Resistance to European Imperialism

Readings: D & M. Pages 67-78

Precis Reading: Due Oct. 6: Chibuike Uche “Oil, British Interests And The Nigerian Civil War”
The Journal Of African History, Volume 49, Issue 01, March 2008, Pp 111-135.

Week 5: October 13, 15th: Genocide in Africa and the Near East

Lecture Topics: **Film:** Hotel Rwanda; Armenian Genocide

Readings: D & M. Chapter 12

Week 6: October 20, 22nd: The Middle East and North Africa

Lecture Topics: Palestinian Self-Determination; Algerian Independence

Readings: D & M. Chapter 13

Week 7: October 27, 29th: The Middle East

Lecture Topic: Iranian Revolution; War in Afghanistan

Precis Reading: Due Oct. 27th: Avi Shlaim “The Debate about 1948” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 3 (Aug., 1995), pp. 287-304

Part II

Week 9: November 3, 5th South Asian Struggles for Independence and Development

Lecture Topics: Ghandi, Pakistan and India; Fight for Kashmir

Readings: D & M. Chapter 2.

Week 10: November 10, 12th: Sri Lankan Conflict:

Lecture Topics: Exam; **Film:** No More Tears Sister

Readings: D & M. Chapter 14

November 10: In-class Midterm Exam (covers all material up to and including Oct 29th)

Week 11: November 17, 19th: Rise of the East Asian Tigers

Lecture Topics: China’s Revolution; Rise of Japan

Readings: D & M. Chapter 11

Week 12: November 24, 26th: East Asian Resurgence and Economic Crises

Lecture Topics: Asian Economic Crisis; China’s World Factory

Readings: D & M. Chapter 16

Week 13: December 1st and 3rd: Toward the Twenty-first Century

Lecture Topics: Future of Global Governance

Dec 3rd Final In Class Test (only material in Part II and not covered on the midterm exam will be tested)

Note:

This course is recognized as a PACS Content Course that fulfills requirements in the interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Studies plan. For information about doing a PACS concentration (Major, Minor or Option) visit: <http://grebel.uwaterloo.ca/academic/undergrad/pacs/options.shtml>.

Note on avoidance of academic offenses: Academic Integrity:

Academic Integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm>

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Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm>

Academic Integrity website (Arts):

http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/arts/ugrad/academic_responsibility.html

Academic Integrity Office (UW): <http://uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/>

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:

Note for students with disabilities: The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.