



Guangdong University of Finance

2019 Summer Program

HIS 120 Introduction to World History

Course Syllabus

Term: June 3 – July 5, 2019

Class Hours: 18:00-19:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: HIS 120

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Credit: 4

Class hours: This course will have 72 class hours, including 40 lecture hours, professor 10 office hours, 10- hour TA discussion sessions, 2-hour review sessions, 10-hour extra classes.

Course Description: This is an introduction to Modern World History. As a class, we will examine the last 300 years as a form of inquiry and understanding. The aim is to develop a familiarity with the complexity of human affairs, of the way in which a variety of economic, military, cultural, and political forces have interacted with individuals, societies and the deliberate efforts of both to control and shape events. Students should develop a means of interpreting and thinking critically about the events of the Modern World through a historic lens.

Course Objectives: This course will utilize both primary and secondary sources in order to better understand the dynamics of change over time, generate a historical argument, apply historical knowledge and analysis to contribute to contemporary social dialogue, and to understand that the ethics and practice of history means recognizing and building on other scholars' work, peer review,



and citation.

Required Textbooks:

eTextbook: Robert Tignor, Adelman, et al., eds., *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A History of the World: From 1750 CE to the Present*, vol. C, Fourth Edition (W. W. Norton & Company, 2013)

Sourcebook: Andrea and Overfield, *The Human Record: Sources of Global History*, vol. II since 1500, Eighth Edition (Cengage Learning, 2015)

Grading & Evaluation:

Attendance + Participation	100
Discussions 5x15	75
Quizzes 3x25	75
Papers 5x20	100
Midterm Examination	50
Final Examination	100

Grade Descriptions:

Attendance and Participation (100 Points): Attendance is kept by the instructor during every class. Missing more than three classes will result in an automatic zero score. Participation is also graded during each class. You should do your best to reply to general questions asked throughout the lecture, after reading primary and secondary documents, and after watching videos. If you use your cell phone, sleep, talk during the lecture, or use any electronic device not associated with the course content for that day, you should expect it to negatively impact your overall participation score.

Discussions (75 Points): There are five discussions at the end of each week (except during the midterm and final) based on the required reading. It is expected that you completed the reading and come to class prepared to discuss it with your classmates. Each discussion is worth 15 points. If you do not participate during the discussion, you will receive a score of zero for that class. In order to gain points, you should attempt to answer, raise a question, counterargue, or add to the dialogue three or four times during the discussion to maximize your score.

Quizzes (75 Points): There are three quizzes administered during the session. Each quiz is worth 25 points. A variety of methods will be used to evaluate your understanding of the course material: multiple choice, matching, map identification, short answer, and essay are possible for each quiz.

Papers (100 Points): Each week you will be given a range of options to apply what you have learned that week in a two-page paper by the following Monday, drawing on lectures, documents, and textbook readings. The paper should be two pages, 12" Times New Roman font, double-



spaced, with 1” margins with proper citations.

Midterm Examination (50 Points): A midterm exam will be administered at the end of week three for a total of 50 points. A review session will address all questions and concerns regarding the exam.

Final Examination (100 Points): A final examination will be administered at the end of the five week session for a total of 100 points. A review session will address all questions and concerns regarding the exam.

Course Schedule

Week1: Enlightenment and its Contradictions

Monday Introduction

Tuesday Enlightenment Revolutions; text: 554-571, sources: 154-176

Wednesday Industrial Revolution; 573-580, sources: 240-247

Thursday Reordering Afro-Eurasia/ Asian Responses to European Pressures; 571-573, 580-591, sources 183-88, 286-297

Friday Islamic World and Northern Africa; text: 594-603; sources: 198-204/ Quiz 1

Week2: Agrarian and Industrial Societies

Monday Chinese and Indian Responses to Europe; text: 603-607, 619-625, sources: 297-299, 304-307

Tuesday Protest and Reaction in Europe; text: 607-613

Wednesday Marxist Communism; sources: 248-253

Thursday Nation Building in the Americas and Europe; text: 628-641

Friday Rights for Women; text: 681-684; sources: 267-274/ Quiz 2

Week3: The Catastrophe of Imperialism

Monday Technology and Empire; text: 642-656

Tuesday Scramble for Africa; sources: 262-266

Wednesday Asian Expansion/ New Visions for Asia; text: 656-663, sources: 312-321

Thursday Great War; text: 704-715, sources: 334-343

Friday Midterm

Week4: The 20th Century's Thirty Years War

Monday Russian Revolution and the Peace Process; sources: 343-348

Tuesday Authoritarian Voices and Anticolonialism; text: 724-732, sources: 350-358, 376-381, 408-411

Wednesday World War II; text: 742-754

Thursday Consequences/Decolonization; text: 754-767, sources: 381-386

Friday Quiz 3



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Week5: The Postwar Order

Monday Cold War; texts: 767-781; sources: 399-402, 413-425, 430-433

Tuesday Post-Cold War; text: 784-792

Wednesday New World Disorder; text: 792-813

Thursday Resource/Migration/Population Issues

Friday Final Exam