



South China Normal University International Summer Session

04F030a1: World History

Term: July 15th –August 9th, 2019

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Richter

Home Institution: Tulane University

Credit: 4

Course Description:

This course is a history of the world from 1492 to the present. The course begins in 1492 when Christopher Columbus's expedition first established contact with the Taino people in what is now known as the Caribbean. Through the study of primary sources and writing by historians, the course explores how the world became interconnected and focuses on the peoples, goods and ideas. In a thematic and chronological order, the course explores historical events across the globe to trace common themes in the history of the modern world. The course will examine historical figures whose lives crossed borders and regions and interacted with different aspects of life in the making of the modern world.

Course Goal:

The goal is for students to learn about major events in world history while also developing reading and writing skills about history. The course also aims to have students develop a familiarity with major figures in the history of different parts of the world such as Latin America, Africa, Asia, North America, and Europe.

Course Readings:

The course will include numerous primary and secondary sources that are all listed below. The professor will arrange to have all of the readings available for the students.

Exams & Assignments:

The course has two exams and a paper and ten discussion responses. The exams will include short identifications and short essays. The paper asks for a two-page analysis of a primary source under study or another primary source that connects to the course material.



Grading Scale:

Percentage	Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
<60	F

Course Schedule:

World History from 1500 to the Present

Week One

7/15 (Monday): Course Overview/The World in 1492

Reading:

Christopher Columbus, "Letter from First Voyage"

7/16 (Tuesday): The Age of Exploration and Encounters

Readings:

- Vasco de Gama, "Round Africa to India, 1497-1498 CE," <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/1497degama.asp>
- Alfred Crosby, "The Columbian Exchange"

7/17 (Wednesday): Slavery in the Modern World

Reading:

- Excerpt from The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano

7/18 (Thursday): The Global Exchange of People, Goods, and Ideas in the 17th and 18th Centuries

Readings:

- Reverend Charles Davy, "The Earthquake at Lisbon, 1755"

7/19 (Friday): Revolutions in the Atlantic World

Readings:

Simon Bolivar, "Letter from Jamaica"

Week Two

7/22 (Monday) Nature and Imperialism in Latin America and Middle East^[1]_{SEP}

Reading:

- Excerpt from Alexander von Humboldt, "Political Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain"



7/23 (Tuesday) The British Empire and Abolitionism

- William Wilburforce, "1789 Abolition Speech"

7/24 (Wednesday) Global Migration in the 19th and 20th Centuries

- Adam McKeown, "Global Migration, 1846-1940" *Journal of World History*, Vol. 15 No. 2 (2004), pp. 155-189.

7/25 (Thursday) The Rise of the American Empire and The Great War

7/26 (Friday) Midterm

Week Three

7/29 (Monday) Revolutions in the Early 20th Century

Reading:

- Plan de San Luis de Potosi and the Mexican Constitution of 1917

7/30 (Tuesday) The Great Depression and the Spanish Civil War

7/31 (Wednesday) Nazism and Fascism in Europe

8/1 (Thursday) World War Two and the Origins of the Cold War

Reading:

- George Kennan, "The Long Telegram"

8/2 (Friday) The Cuban Revolution and the Global 1960s

Week Four

8/5 (Monday) Latin America, Africa, and Asia in the 1970s and 1980s

8/6 (Tuesday) The United States and Europe in the 1980s

8/7 (Wednesday) Globalization in the 1990s

8/8 (Thursday) Worlds Connected in the Early 21st Century

8/9 (Friday) Final Exam