



National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

2021 Summer Program

HIS 120 Introduction to World History

Course Outline

Term: June 14-July 09,2021

Class Hours: 12:00-13:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: HIS 120

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Credit: 4

Class hours

This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions,

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.

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 (20%)



Discussions 4x20	80 (16%)
Exams 3x40	120 (24%)
Papers 4x25	100 (20%)
Final Examination	100 (20%)
Total:	500

Grade Descriptions:

Attendance and Participation: 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: There are discussions at the end of each week 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 20 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.

Exams: There are three exams administered during the session. Each exam is worth 40 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 exam.

Papers: 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.

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

Course Schedule

Week 1: Enlightenment and its Contradictions

Monday: Introduction

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

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

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

Friday: Protest and Reaction in Europe; text: 607-613; Exam 1

Week 2: Agrarian and Industrial Societies

Monday: Nation Building in the Americas and Europe/Marxist Communism; text: 628-641; sources: 248-253

Tuesday: Rights for Women; text: 681-684; sources: 267-274

Wednesday: Technology and Empire/ Scramble for Africa; text: 642-656; sources: 262-266

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



Friday: Great War; text: 704-715, sources: 334-343; Exam 2

Week 3: 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: Exam 3

Week 4: 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

