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**Course Syllabus**  
**Spring Semester 2018----3 Units Credit**  
**Section 07--CRN 21185: 2:00 pm - 3:20 pm--TTh AB1V-Rm 302**  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

- This course will study the political, economic, social, and cultural development of World Civilizations from the 15th Century to 1914. It will study the reasons behind the trend toward European domination of the rest of the world; first in commerce, then in economy, politics, and culture. The course will investigate of such movements in European history as the Renaissance, the Scientific Revolution, the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution which affected the rest of the world. It will also attempt to assess the impact of Europe and the West upon various regions and zones of civilization in the world.

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Students will acquaint themselves with the political, social, economic and cultural history of the World from 1500 to 1914.
- Students will sharpen their skills in historical interpretation and writing.

- Students will gain a factual knowledge of World history from Prehistory through the Renaissance.
- Students will learn how to find and use available resources for learning material not covered in lectures or text.
- There is no prerequisite for this course beyond the approval of the university.

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**REQUIRED READINGS:**

- Timothy C. Hall. The Complete Idiot's Guide to World History, 2nd Edition. Penguin-Alpha, 2012. (Hall). This is a good brief guide to World History. Hard Copy, Kindle Version, Nook Version, Google Version

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**REQUIRED SUPPLIES:**

- Notebook and writing instruments to take notes in class.
- Use of a computer with a broadband internet connection for viewing some materials. If you do not have a computer at home, please make use of computer labs on campus.

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**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

- Students are expected to regularly attend lectures. Attendance will be taken regularly and each student is responsible for keeping up with the class through attendance and blackboard announcements. Good attendance will be weighed as a factor in borderline grades. The instructor reserves the right to lower the letter grade of students who have more than three unexcused absences in an MWF course. Please refer to the attendance policy in THE ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT POLICY below.

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**CLASS SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE:**

- The class schedule will consist of either two eighty-minute or three fifty-minute sessions each week. Lectures supplement and complement reading assignments. Brief outlines of lectures, maps and other supplementary readings will be distributed to students online.

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**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:**

- **Attendance:** Students are to attend lectures regularly and participate in classroom discussions.
- **Reading assignments:** Readings from the text and supplementary sources are on a weekly basis.
- **Examinations:** Exams will be held in class during the fourth, eighth, twelfth and finals weeks. Test dates will be announced in class. Each examination will consist of 20-25 multiple-choice questions (40-50 points); 10 to 15 true/false questions (50-60 points), and three to four matching questions (15-20 points).
- Each exam will be worth 100 points. Each student's lowest score on the exams will be dropped. In total, the examinations will count 300 points toward the course grade.
- **Evaluation of student performance is based upon Examinations [100%]**  
**Grade scale: 270-300=A; 240-269=B; 210-239=C; 180-209=D; 0-179=F.**

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## **ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIVERSITY.**

- Students are required to comply with these policies and procedures in attending this class. A detailed list of these can be found at the following link:

<http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

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**COURSE OUTLINE:** Please be aware that the lectures and weekly readings will not always be synchronous. By the time you take each exam, however, lectures and readings

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### **Week 1: INTRODUCTION TO MODERN WORLD HISTORY.**

- An Introduction to History.
  - The World in the Fifteenth Century.
  - READINGS: Wells, pp. 264-278
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### **Week 2: EUROPE AND THE WORLD IN EARLY MODERN TIMES..**

- The World in the Fifteenth Century.
  - Fifteenth Century Europe: Social and Economic Changes.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 12.
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### **Week 3: EUROPE IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY--POLITICS AND CULTURE.**

- Fifteenth Century Europe: Political Changes.
  - Fifteenth Century Europe: Cultural Changes: The Renaissance.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 12.
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### **Week 4: EUROPE AND ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE 16TH CENTURY.**

- Sixteenth Century Europe: The Reformation and the Wars of Religion.
  - The Ottoman Sultanate and the Tsardom of Moscow.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 14, 17.
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### **Week 5: EUROPEAN OVERSEAS EXPANSION.**

- Expansion of Europe: Initial Phase and General effects, 1400-1600.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 16.
  - FIRST EXAMINATION..
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### **Week 6: EUROPE IN THE 17th AND 18th CENTURIES: POLITICS AND SOCIETY.**

- Expansion of Europe: Overseas Empires & Trade Development to 1700.
  - State Formation in Early Modern Europe.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 16.
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### **Week 7: EUROPE IN THE 18th CENTURY: ECONOMIC AND INTELLECTUAL REVOLUTIONS.**

- Tensions in State and Society.
  - The Incubation of Industry.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 20.
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### **Week 8: POLITICAL REVOLUTIONS OF THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES.**

- The Enlightenment: Its Origins and Themes. The Legacy of the American and French Revolutions.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 20.
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## **SPRING BREAK.**

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### **Week 10: SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL UPHEAVAL IN THE 19TH CENTURY.**

- Affects of the Industrial Revolution.
  - Theories of Revolution and Evolution.
  - SECOND EXAMINATION.
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### **Week 11: PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS OF MODERNIZATION.**

- Changes in States and Societies.
  - The Rise of Russia--The First Developing Country.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 21.
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### **Week 12: THE ISLAMIC AND HINDU WORLDS CONFRONT THE WEST.**

- The Islamic World and the Near East.
  - India and South Asia.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 22.
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### **Week 13: EAST ASIA AND THE WEST.**

- China, Japan and East Asia to 1900.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 22.
  - THIRD EXAMINATION.
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### **Week 14: THE IMPACT OF THE WEST UPON AFRICA, OCEANIA, AND THE AMERICAS.**

- Africa--Northern and Sub-Saharan.
  - Oceania.
  - The Americas to 1914.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 22.
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### **Week 15: THE RISE OF IMPERIALISM AND THE ROAD TO WORLD WAR.**

- European Expansion and International Tensions, 1870-1914.
  - Europe and the World in 1914.
  - READINGS: Hall, ch. 22 and ch. 23 start.
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**The FOURTH EXAMINATION will be held during Finals Week and will be announced later in the semester.**