



HIST 2125: 20th and 21st Century World History

2023 Summer Session	
Total Class Sessions: 25 Class Sessions Per Week: 5 Total Weeks: 5 Class Session Length (Minutes): 145 Credit Hours: 4	Instructor: Staff Classroom: TBA Office Hours: TBA Language: English

Course Description:

This course studies world history from the early 20th century to the present. It examines relations among the major powers, the impact of imperialism, the growth of global political economy, and the differing patterns of industrialization, modernization and cultural development throughout the period. In addition to analyzing the origins, causes, and consequences of world wars and regional conflicts, we will also discuss global movements with special reference to gender, class, and cultural issues.

Course Overview:

This course is a general survey of world history from the early decades of the twentieth century to the present. The course will explore key themes and pivotal developments in the political, social, cultural, and economic history of the world by posing broad questions that tie together global issues and events. The course will emphasize comparative frameworks and engage students in discovery and analysis in order to offer their own perspectives and bring new knowledge to their experience.

General expectations:

Students are expected to:

Attend all classes and be responsible for all material covered in class and otherwise assigned. Any unexcused absence may impact a student's grade.

Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class

Participate and be responsible for your fair share of group work

Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during class

Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time

Course Materials:

1. *A History of the World: From the 20th to the 21st Century*, Grenville, 3rd Edition
2. Lecture Notes

Course Format and Requirements:



This course is designed to be an interactive history course in which student teams will be active participants in their study of history. Each week the instructor will provide students with a broadly themed lecture and investigative questions that will provide the context for the week's topic. Students will work in teams analyzing and reading primary sources. Individually, they will be required to take notes on the required readings and lectures, write journal entries based on in-class prompts, take quizzes, and two examinations. As part of a team, students will be required to analyze primary documents, make contributions to team discussions, on at least one occasion act as team spokesperson, and at least once, act as a presenter for the group. The combination of individual and group assessment is offered to students to allow them multiple opportunities to demonstrate their comprehension of the course material.

Attendance:

Summer school is very intense and to be successful, students need to attend every class. Occasionally, due to illness or other unavoidable circumstance, a student may need to miss a class. Wuhan University policy requires a medical certificate to be excused. Any unexcused absence may impact on the student's grade.

Course Assessment:

Homework Assignments	10%
Journal Entries (Individual Evaluation)	10%
Quizzes	10%
Weekly Presentation (Group Evaluations)	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

Grading Scale (percentage):

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
98-100	93-97	90-92	88-89	83-87	80-82	78-79	73-77	70-72	68-69	63-67	60-62	<60

Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Chengdu University of Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*. Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

Special Needs or Assistance:



Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.

Course Schedule:

Class 1

Introduction to the course plan, assignments, exams, and lecture

World War I and Its Aftermath:

Lecture, Discussion

Class 2

World War I and Its Aftermath:

Group Work, In-Class Writing, Discussions

Class 3

World War I and Its Aftermath:

Presentations

Class 4

World War I and Its Aftermath:

Presentations-continued, Comments and feedback

Class 5

Quiz 1

Revolutions of the Early 20th Century:

Lecture, Discussion

Class 6

Revolutions of the Early 20th Century:

Group Work, In-Class Writing, Discussions

Class 7

Revolutions of the Early 20th Century:

Presentations

Class 8

Revolutions of the Early 20th Century:

Presentations-continued; Comments and feedback



Class 9

Quiz 2

Nations and Empires:

Lecture, Discussion

Class 10

Nations and Empires:

Group Work, In-Class Writing, Discussions

Class 11

Nations and Empires:

Presentations

Class 12

Nations and Empires:

Presentations-Continued, Comments and feedback

Review

Class 13

Midterm Examination

Class 14

Decolonization:

Lecture, Discussion

Class 15

Decolonization:

Group Work, In-Class Writing, Discussions

Class 16

Decolonization:

Presentations

Class 17

Decolonization:

Presentations-continued; Comments and feedback

Class 18

Quiz 3

World War II:



Lecture, Discussion

Class 19

World War II:

Group Work, In-Class Writing, Discussions

Class 20

World War II:

Presentations

Class 21

World War II:

Presentations-continued; Comments and feedback

Class 22

Quiz 4

Cold War Era:

Lecture, Discussion

Class 23

Cold War Era:

Group Work, In-Class Writing, Discussions

Class 24

Quiz 5

Cold War Era:

Presentations

Class 25

Cold War Era:

Presentations-Continued, Comments and feedback

Review for final exam

Final Examination TBA