



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

HI926 20th-21st Century World History

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Term:	28 May - 29 June, 2018	Credits:	4 units
Classroom:	TBD	Teaching Assistant(s):	TBD
Class Hours:	Monday through Thursday, 8:30-10.30 am		
Discussion Session:	2 hours each week, leaded by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours:	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts (w/ ISBN):	Anthony Best, et al., <i>International History of the Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , 3rd ed. ISBN: 978-0-415-65642-9.		
Prerequisite:	N/A		



Course Overview

The history of the peoples of the world can be studied in many interpretive rubrics—for example, as global history, world history, transnational history, international history, and universal history, to name some of the most common variants. All overlap to some degree and yet have important differences. The merits and deficiencies of each have been hotly contested by historians. This course does not commit to a single interpretive point of view, though because of its introductory nature it does adopt an approach that emphasizes chronology and the importance of nation states and their relations with each other. The lectures and readings are intended to complement each other in this undertaking, and neither should be neglected.

Course Goals

The course will introduce students to a broad overview of world history in the 20th-21st century and help them to develop the analytical and critical tools necessary to understand it, as well as lay a foundation for students who wish to undertake a more advanced study of the period or to go on in history generally. It will also help them to cultivate a historical understanding of some of the dimensions of the human experience. We do not study the past to illuminate the present, nor to predict the future, but to train our minds to be better able to react to the challenges of the present. As historians, we are not nostalgic about the past, but we do find it an infinitely fascinating reservoir of dilemmas, wisdom, and folly.

Grading Policy

1. Grades will be based on:

First Essay Quiz	10%	The question will be made available in advance.
Mid-term Examination	30%	The examination will consist of 2 essay questions (from a total of 4) and 25 multiple-choice questions. It will cover the lectures and required readings from May 28-June 11. The exam questions will be taken from the daily study guides in the course.
Second Essay Quiz	10%	The question will be made available in advance.



Final Examination	40%	The examination will consist of 2 essay questions (from a total of 4) and 25 multiple-choice questions. It will cover the lectures and required readings from June 13-27. The exam questions will be taken from the daily study guides in the course.
Class Participation	10%	

2. Number/letter grade and GPA breakdowns:

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0

Related Matters

1. The use of cell phones lap tops, and similar devices is not permitted during the class without the permission of the instructor.
2. Class attendance is a primary and required form of class participation. Class participation grades will reflect any unexcused absences. Students who wish an absence from class to be excused must meet with the teaching assistant to establish that it was related to medical or similar academically legitimate reasons.



Course Schedule

The course schedule gives the date, subject, and chronological range of a given lecture. All are subject to change, if necessary.

Date	Lecture	Reading
WEEK 1		
28th May	Introduction. What Is World History?	
29th May	The Great Powers and the Concert of Europe, 1900-1917	chap. 1
30th May	A World at War, 1917-29	chap. 2.
31st May	Rising Empires and Waning Colonies, 1900-45	chaps. 3-4
WEEK 2		
4th June	Zionism and Its Consequences, 1900-48	chap. 5
5th June	The Origins of the American Century, 1900-41	chap. 6.
	First Essay Quiz	
6th June	The New Dictators, 1930-39	chap. 7
7th June	A World at War Again, 1940-45	chap 8
WEEK 3		
11th June	Cold War and Peaceful Co-existence, 1945-79	chaps. 9-11
12th June	Mid-term Examination. This examination will cover the lectures and required readings from May 28-June 7. July	
13th June	The Vietnam Wars, 1945-75	chap. 12
14th June	The Third World and Its Orders, 1945-2014	chap. 13



Date	Lecture	Reading
WEEK 4		
18th June	Asia and the Great Transformation, 1945-2014.	chaps. 14-15
19th June	Latin American Rumblings and the United States, 1945-2014	chap. 16
	Second Essay Quiz	
20th June	Africa: The Lost Continent, 1945-2014	chap. 17
21st June	Political Islam and the Middle East, 1928-2014	chaps. 18-19
WEEK 5		
25th June	The End of the Cold War and Yet Another World Order, 1980-2014	chaps. 20-21
26th June	The Human Rights Interlude.	chap. 22
27th June	The End of the American Century and the Rise of the Populist States?	chap. 23
28th June	Final Examination This examination will cover the lectures and required readings from July 18-August 1	