

School of Arts & Science HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT HIST 106

Age of Crisis: World 1900-1945

Fall 2014

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/2012/web/hist.html

 Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Through reading textbooks and primary source materials, hearing faculty lectures, participating in seminars, writing papers, making presentations, and performing tests, students will:

- Gain an international perspective on critical events, themes, and issues of this
 period, including modernization, westernization, war, revolution and counterrevolution, economic development and barriers to it, economic systems such as
 capitalism and socialism, ideologies and ideological conflict, national culture and
 the impact on it of global culture and economics, colonization and decolonization,
 technological change and its impact on society, and the human impact on the
 world environment.
- 2. Reassess and challenge Western perspectives on critical events and issues of this period.
- 3. Compare, contrast and integrate Western and non-Western outlooks and perspectives on critical events and issues of this period, such as those mentioned above.

By the end of the course, through exposure to the above materials and ideas, the student should be able to:

- 1. Think critically about historical issues and writing by evaluating the arguments put forward by historians, weighing the evidence they present and making judgments about the strength of their arguments.
- 2. Appreciate history as a distinct academic discipline, understanding its unique outlook, scope and methods and what distinguishes it from other disciplines.
- 3. Use history to confront the issues of today's world, establishing a context for the present and comprehending the accomplishments, failures, tensions and issues of the present era.
- 4. Have increased skills in research, writing and written and oral communication.

3. Required Materials

T4-	• Richard Goff et. al., The Twentieth Century and Beyond: A Global
Texts	History 7 th ed (2008) • History 106 Reading Package, 2014 edition

4. Ground Rules

- Fairness to all requires that I stipulate that students will not be allowed to do "extra work" to make up for poor grades on any one assignment or combination of assignments.
- I do not "lecture to the textbook." That means you can't simply attend lectures and expect that this will substitute for reading the textbook. That's not sufficient to do well in the course. Textbook, reading package and lectures are essential components of the course, and each will be part of the exams.
- This course requires you to read regularly. Some weeks there's a fair amount of reading. Don't fall behind. This especially applies to the textbook.
- While I allow computers in lectures, I expect that you will use them to take notes, not surf the web, email friends, etc. In discussion sessions, where the focus is on participation, I do not allow the use of computers. AND, in ALL classes, please turn off and put away from sight such infernal implements of distraction as cell phones

5. Desire 2 Learn (D2L) component

Each of you has access to Desire 2 Learn, Camosun College's Learning Management System, which will be used for several aspects of this course – written assignments and discussion leadership questions, which will be submitted through the Dropbox function in D2L; viewing grades, including the weekly discussion participation grade and the discussion leadership grades; accessing some of the discussion readings; viewing the lecture outlines; and keeping up with news about the course. Please sign in immediately and check into it frequently.

Signing in to D2L: Once you're registered in this course, use your computer to go to the following web location: http://online.camosun.ca The sign-in process is simple and is described on the opening page of the D2L site.

6. Discussions

Beginning on September 11 and on Thursdays throughout the term we will have discussion sessions.

The aim of these sessions is to have a wide-ranging and informal discussion based on the readings **FROM THE READINGS PACKAGE**. For the discussion, don't be intimidated if the meaning of some of the reading material isn't clear to you. Keep in mind that pertinent questions are often as useful as thoughtful comments. Bring them to class and share them with everyone.

In addition, you'll want to read the textbook, *The Twentieth Century and Beyond*, in order to put the discussion readings in context. Doing this background reading before class is your responsibility.

Keep in mind that you can't expect to earn a passing grade for the discussion portion of the mark without participating regularly in the discussions. You'll be judged on the frequency and quality of your contributions. Attendance alone doesn't constitute participation.

For one assigned discussion through the term, each of you will be *the designated leader for the session*. What does it mean to be a discussion leader? Most importantly, you're responsible to raise relevant and thoughtful questions that help to *encourage discussion* that probes and develops key aspects of the readings.

Try to set up questions that are open-ended, don't seek only simple answers, and cause your colleagues to think more profoundly about the readings.

From my experience, two types of questions **don't work well**. One is "should" questions. These invite a moral response, based on today's standards. This type of questions asks your fellow students to *judge* the past by our contemporary standards of morality. Our task as historians is to *understand* the past, not to judge it.

A second type of question that in my experience doesn't work well is "what if" ones. "Would Germany have been better off if the Nazis had not seized power?" The only response we can have is "Sure. But the Nazis *did* seize power." A more fruitful question might be *why* the Nazis were able to take power.

On the week you're the designated discussion leader, you'll submit *at least* three questions to me via D2L. These questions must be submitted via the DROPBOX FUNCTION in D2L **no later than 8:30am** on the day you're the discussion leader.

I'll circulate a list of sessions. Each of you will sign up to be discussion leader for one session.

In addition, in the same session where you're the discussion leader, you'll also submit an **essay** on the discussion subject. See below.

7. Essay

Each of you will write one essay **based on the discussion readings** for one session in the term. By **8:30am** on the day you're the designated leader of the discussion session, you'll submit through the DROPBOX FUNCTION of D2L and in Microsoft Word format a written essay that *answers the question* that I pose for the discussion topic. **Where will you find this question? It's in the table of contents of the reading package**.

The source material for the essay is the articles **in the reading package**. You don't need to use any other sources. (You might, of course, need to do some background reading in the textbook or other sources in order to grasp the context of the readings.)

This essay will be **1000 words** in total. The word limit is strict. I'll **deduct 10%** from your grade for **each 50 words** (or part thereof) over 1000, beginning at 1050 words. **So if you have 1051 words, the deduction is 10%; 1101 words, 20%** etc. The word count **does not** include footnotes.

At the opening of your essay provide the following: 1. a **title** for your essay; 2. your **name**; 3. the **topic** you are dealing with; and 4. the **question** you're addressing.

You must use footnotes or endnotes (NOT APA or MLA style references) to cite the source of the <u>ideas</u>, <u>important information</u> and <u>direct quotations</u> you include in this essay. Failure to use footnotes appropriately and set them out correctly will result in a grade **penalty of 10%**.

For correct History footnote style follow the method used in the Camosun College History style guide, which is in the reading package and also in the Camosun College Humanities Department website at

http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/history/style_guide.pdf

An essay usually includes a bibliography, but in this case there is no need for one, as the discussion reading articles are your sources.

As you can see, for the week you write an essay and are the leader for the discussion, a certain level of planning is needed. You'll have to: 1. read the articles in advance; 2. write the essay answering the question about the articles; 3. submit the essay and the questions via D2L **before** the discussion session; and 4. present thoughtful questions from the readings to your colleagues in the discussion.

Late submission of essays will result in a penalty of 5% per day, to a maximum of 20%.

8. Course Content and Schedule

Sept. 16

WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULE (subject to change due to illness, etc)

DATE TOPIC AND REQUIRED READINGS

Sept. 2	Introduction to course Lecture: The world in 1900 – Europe
Sept.4	The world in 1900 – Europe, continued Relevant textbook reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> pp. xiv-xv and 1-41
Sept.9	The world in 1900 – Europe, continued
Sept. 11	First discussion. Assignment: Read Topic 1, The West and Asia in 1900. It's in the reading package.

The world in 1900 – beyond Europe

	Reading. The Twentieth Century and Beyona, pp. 42-93	
Sept. 18	Discussion: Topic 2, Imperialism at the dawn of the 20 th century	
Sept. 23	World War 1 in Europe and beyond Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 96-120	
Sept. 25	Discussion: Topic 3, Culture before World War I	
Sept. 30	Culture and ideas 1900 to 1939 Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 121-138	
Oct. 2	Discussion: Topic 4, World War I	
Oct. 7	Revolution and counter-revolution 1917-1923 Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 139-172	
Oct. 9	Discussion: Topic 5, Revolutionary upheaval during and after WW1	
Oct. 14	Modernization in the USSR and the USA Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 146-153 and 173-190	
Oct. 16	Discussion: Topic 6, World War I and its impact outside the West	
Oct. 21	Mid term exam – two hours, in class	
Oct. 23	Discussion: Topic 7, Modernization in the USSR and the USA	
Oct. 28	East Asia to 1941 Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 190-203	
Oct. 30	Discussion: Topic 8, Inter-war culture and society	
NOTE: November 3 – last day to withdraw without a failing grade		
Nov. 4	Inter-war imperialism Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 205-227	
Nov. 6	Discussion: Topic 9, Imperialism and anti-imperialism between the wars	
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – College closed	
Nov. 13	Discussion: Topic 10, Fascism West and East	
Nov. 18	The global economic crisis of the 1930s Reading: <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond</i> , pp. 176-9	
Nov. 20	Discussion: Topic 11, Responses to fascism	
Nov. 27	Fascism and the response to fascism	

Reading: The Twentieth Century and Beyond, pp. 42-95

Reading: The Twentieth Century and Beyond, pp. 228-254

Nov. 27 Discussion: Topic 12, Descent into World War II

Dec. 2 World War Two

Reading: The Twentieth Century and Beyond, pp. 255-276

Dec. 4 World War Two, continued, and review

9. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Your grade will be made up from a combination of written work and participation in regular discussions. These component parts are:

Discussion participation	10%
Discussion leadership questions	5%
Essay	30%
Mid-term exam (Oct. 21)	25%
Final exam (in exam period)	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

The final exam will be in the scheduled exam period, December 8–16. Please don't make any arrangements to leave the city in December until you know when the exam will be held.

Both mid-term and final exam must be written during the scheduled times unless a physician's medical certificate is presented to me. There will be no exceptions without a medical certificate.

10. Your responsibility

History 106 is a university level course, directly applicable to a university degree. So you must be prepared to perform at a university standard. This requires initiative and effort on your part. Specifically, you must:

- 1) be in class regularly and attentive in them
- 2) keep up with the weekly readings in the textbook and discussion reading package
- 3) think carefully about what is written in these sources and discussed in class
- 4) show evidence that you have grasped the facts and concepts from lectures and discussion

11. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7

77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete</i> : A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

12. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at <u>camosun.ca</u>.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy which includes plagiarism. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of

this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.