

School of Arts & Science HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT HIST 108-01

New World Order? World History: 1945-2000

Winter 2016

COURSE OUTLINE

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 themes, events, and issues of this period, including modernization, westernization, war and Cold War, revolution and counter-revolution, 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.
- Reassess and challenge Western perspectives on critical events and issues of this period, such as those mentioned above.
- 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:

- 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.
- Appreciate history as a distinct academic discipline, understanding its unique outlook, scope and methods and what distinguishes it from other disciplines.
- 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.
- Have increased skills in research, writing and written and oral communication.

3. Required Materials (available in the College Bookstore. The Goff text can also be found in Reserve in the Camosun Library)

(a)	Texts	Richard Goff, et. al. <i>The Twentieth Century and Beyond: A Global History</i> . Seventh Edition, 2008.
		History 108 Reading Package, current edition (Winter 2015).

4. Course Content and Schedule

Classes will consist of lectures and seminars. Basically, seminars are discussion groups. Stu-dents will be required to read History articles and come to class prepared to discuss those articles with their peers.

This course is a 3-credit course. Your final grade will be a letter grade.

History 108 will feature 4 hours of lectures per week, and 2 hours of seminar per week (approximately). The course continues for 7 weeks. Estimated out-of-class preparation time is 10 hours per week.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

As with most other History courses, all course assignments are compulsory. All of the assignments are discussed in more detail below. Here is how they will be weighted:

Research Paper Proposal – 5% Mid-Term Exam – 25% Seminar Participation – 20% Research Paper – 25% Final Exam – 25%

6. 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 a 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.	

7. 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 camosun.ca.

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.

Hist 108 Content and Evaluations

Research Paper Proposal

This assignment is worth 5% of your final grade and is **due on Monday**, **15 February**. It must be handed to me in class. If late, it will be penalized at a rate of 10% per day overdue.

Posted on my office door is a list of possible research paper topics. You will sign up for one of these topics (or discuss an alternative topic with me) and write a paper on it. But first, you will submit a paper proposal, in which you will provide some possible lines of enquiry for your paper. Your proposal will also include a preliminary bibliography for your essay.

The proposal will be approximately 500 words. In three or four paragraphs, you will identify the topic that you have decided to research, and you will discuss some of your options. Based on your early investigation, what issues or arguments might your essay address? Are there competing or controversial interpretations of the topic? Have historians' views of the topic changed or evolved over time?

Your proposal will also include references to three secondary sources (books and/or articles) that you will consult in preparing your essay. These three sources will not include websites, the course textbook, or

any of the articles in the Course Reading Package. In the end, your paper will employ at least five secondary sources. Your proposal therefore reports on a work-in-progress.

The purpose of this assignment is to initiate the preparation of your research paper - to encourage you to commit to a topic, to do some preliminary research, and to present some possible directions that your essay might take. In the end, your research paper may or may not pursue the options presented or outlined in your proposal – after all, your own thinking on the topic will evolve as you uncover new sources and arguments. We will discuss this assignment further in class as its due date gets closer.

Mid-term Exam

There will be a two-hour in-class midterm exam on **Monday**, **22 February**. The exam is worth 25% of your final grade, and it is closed-book. The exam will consist of short-answer and essay-type questions. We will discuss the exam in more detail in class as the big day gets closer.

Seminar Participation

You will be assigned to a seminar group, and your group will meet twelve times over the winter term. Participation marks are worth 20% of your final grade. Marks will be calculated on Wednesday, 13 April (after the last class and seminar).

Seminars are a crucial element of this course. The study of History requires an appreciation of differing points of view and varying interpretations of evidence. It also requires the ability to critically analyze another person's theories or arguments. The seminars are where these skills are practiced.

As you're reading each article, it may help to consider certain important points. What are the main arguments of each article? What types of evidence are used to support these arguments? Do you find the arguments convincing? Are there any important questions left unanswered by the article? It may also be helpful to consider the author of each selection. Who does the author represent and to whom is s/he talking? Why does s/he approach the topic in a particular way? Does the author use a specific methodology or theoretical perspective (feminist, socialist, etc.)? When was the article written, and does its timing affect its conclusions?

Students who miss more than three seminars will forfeit their entire participation mark. Your mark will be based upon the frequency of your participation in discussions, and the quality of your contribution. To participate well means demonstrating that you have read the assigned articles carefully; that you have identified the salient points of the articles; and that you are prepared to discuss your ideas in a small-group setting.

Lively and rewarding seminars require the contribution and participation of all group members. Keep in mind, though: while spirited debate will be encouraged, any form of disrespect for your classmates will not be tolerated.

My role in the seminars is mostly as an observer. I will listen in on groups, make notes on students' participation, and occasionally interject with a comment or question if the discussion needs a boost. Feel free to ask me a question if your group is stuck on something. I encourage you to make the most of these seminars – they're much more interactive and inclusive than lectures, and the participation grade is a substantial portion of your final mark.

Research Paper

This assignment is worth 25% of your final grade, and is **due on Monday, 21 March.** It must be handed to me in class. If late, it will be penalized at a rate of 5% per day overdue.

You must sign up for an essay topic, or consult with me on a topic of your own choosing. As library resources are limited, a maximum of two people may sign up for each topic.

This research essay will be between 1500-2000 words in length. Your paper must be double-spaced, on one side of the page only, and should have a cover page with a title and your student identification. Bibliographies should be placed on a separate page at the end of the essay. Make a photocopy of your essay for yourself, and keep all of your research notes, rough drafts, and essay outlines – I may ask to see this stuff.

An essay is a short literary composition having an analytical, interpretive, and critical purpose. A good essay is a coherent expression of ideas on a single theme, and it is organized carefully in sentences and paragraphs. Marks will be deducted for poor organization, ungrammatical writing, and for frequent spelling errors. To ensure correct spelling and syntax, do not rely on word-processing spell checkers or grammar checkers.

In developing your arguments, you will necessarily be depending on and sometimes borrowing evidence and ideas from others. When you quote directly the words of another author, you must put those words between quotation marks ("...") and cite the exact source of the quotation in a footnote or endnote. Try not to use too many direct quotations. Quote another author only when his or her words are essential, in order to convey his or her exact meaning. If you paraphrase another author, or borrow an idea or conclusion, you must also acknowledge your debt in a footnote or endnote. It is also a good idea to use a footnote if you cite statistics or other evidence that is not common knowledge.

Besides your textbook and any relevant articles in the Course Reading Package, you must consult at least five secondary sources (books and/or articles) in preparing your paper. Be especially wary of Internet sources – legitimate academic work is okay, but online encyclopedias, generic websites, and material with no author's name attached should be avoided. Please come and speak with me if you're having any difficulties with sources.

An effective essay is much more than a summary of the evidence and interpretations of other authors. You must write in your own words, and develop your own answer to the question chosen. Your answer may agree with the interpretation of another author; if so, you must still say what evidence persuaded you that their interpretation or conclusion was accurate. A good essay will recognize that different historians may have applied different methods or alternative sources. There may even be multiple answers to the question that you are addressing. If so, a good essay will acknowledge these variations.

Essays must contain footnotes or endnotes. You may **not** use the social science format for citations (i.e. parenthetical references to authors in the text of the essay). The format of footnotes must be consistent. Essays must also include a Bibliography listing all sources used in preparing the essay. For footnote/endnote and bibliographic format, please refer to the Camosun History Department Style Guide, which can be found online, via the History Department website.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PLAGIARISM: This disclaimer applies to all written work that you will submit in History 108. As stated above, you must give proper credit to borrowed ideas or quotations that you use in your essay. To falsely claim authorship of someone else's ideas or words is called plagiarism. Plagiarism is a type of theft, and in this course it will result, at the very least, in a mark

of zero for the assignment. Similar penalties will be applied to any student who buys, borrows, or resubmits a previously-completed History paper. The 'Net has also become a popular tool for dishonest students who want to cut corners on assignments. Keep in mind that Internet sources must appear in papers' Bibliographies as well. I reserve the right to check any assignment with plagiarism detection devices including electronic search engines designed for this purpose. Please consult with me if you are unsure about proper documentation of your sources. See the Camosun College 2015-2016 Calendar (pp. 32-39) for full policies and penalties in regard to plagiarism, cheating, and other unacceptable student conduct.

LATE POLICIES AND SUBMITTING YOUR ASSIGNMENTS: Assignment due dates are firm, and assignments must be submitted to me in class on their due dates (otherwise they are considered late). No extensions will be considered except in cases of documented medical, psychological, or family emergency. If your paper is late because of illness or emergency, the penalty will be waived, but you must submit a note from a health practitioner. Computer/printer/disc problems will not be accepted as a valid excuse for a late essay. Late essays will be graded thoroughly, but due to time constraints, they may not have extensive instructor comments. No assignment will be accepted after the final class on Wednesday, 13 April. Please do not hesitate to see me if you're having any problems with the assignments.

Final Exam

There will be a two-hour final exam in April (the final exam period runs from April 18th to 26th). The test will be non-cumulative. I have no control over when the exam will take place, **so do not make plans for summer until you have your exam date!** The exam is worth 25% of your final grade, and it is closed-book. Similar to the mid-term exam, the final exam will consist of short-answer and essay-type questions.

Lecture and Seminar Schedule

This schedule is subject to minor changes. We may fall behind slightly or find ourselves ahead of schedule at times. We may choose to wander down some uncharted paths. Students are encouraged to ask questions and offer opinions throughout.

Monday, 11 January – Introduction: Welcome to History 108!

Lecture 1: The Cold War and the West

Wednesday, 13 January – Lecture 2: The Cold War Heats Up

Monday, 18 January – Lecture 3: The New Europe

Lecture 4: The Cold War and Revolutions in East Asia

Wednesday, 20 January – Seminar: Readings: Topic One

Monday, 25 January – Lecture 5: The Korean War

Lecture 6: Wars and Revolution in Indochina and Vietnam

Wednesday, 27 January – Seminar: Readings: Topic Two

Monday, 01 February – Lecture 7: The Resurgence of China, 1950-2000

Lecture 8: Japan's Recovery From Defeat, 1950-2000

Wednesday, 08 February – Seminar: Readings: Topic Six

Monday, 08 February - Family Day: Class Cancelled

Wednesday, 10 February – Lecture 9: New Nations in South Asia

Monday, 15 February – **Essay Proposal Due Today**

Lecture 10: Independence For India and Pakistan Lecture 11: The Nation States of India and Pakistan

Wednesday, 17 February – Seminar: Readings: Topic Three

Monday, 22 February – **Two-Hour Midterm Exam**

Wednesday, 24 February – Essay Writing Workshop (No Assigned Readings)

Monday, 29 February – Lecture 12: Africa's Liberation From Colonialism

Lecture 13: Latin America in the Cold War

Wednesday, 02 March – Seminar: Readings: Topic Five

Monday, 07 March – Lecture 14: Democracy and Latin America

Lecture 15: Israel and the Middle East

Wednesday, 09 March – Seminar: Readings: Topic Seven

Monday, 14 March – Lecture 16: Nation-Building and Petroleum

Lecture 17: War, Peace, and Islam Seminar: Readings: Topic Eight

Monday, 21 March – **Essay Due Today**

Wednesday, 16 March –

Lecture 18: Iran and the Oil Wars of Iraq

Lecture 19: The West From Cold War to European Union

Wednesday, 23 March – Seminar: Readings: Topic Nine

Monday, 28 March – Easter Monday: Class Cancelled Wednesday, 30 March – Seminar: Readings: Topic Ten

Monday, 04 April – Lecture 20: The Fall of the Soviet Empire

Lecture 21: The New Russia and the Global Economy

Wednesday, 06 April – Seminar: Topic Four

Monday, 11 April – Lecture 22: Local Wars and Peacekeeping

Lecture 23: Al Qaeda, the Taliban, and War in Iraq

Wednesday, 13 April – Seminar: Readings: Topic Eleven