

Jackson College, Fall 2016

Syllabus

Course: HIS 235

Title: 20th Century World History

Text: *Contemporary World History*, 5th edition, William J. Duiker

Instructor: Dr. David Guard

Schedule: 9/29-12/22

Time: Thursday 5:45 pm to 8:45 pm

Course Description:

HIS 235 is an examination of national and international developments in the past century focusing on such matters as colonialism, global warfare, emerging nations, and the appearance and disappearance of communism. In addition, we will examine the polarization of wealth and power, the revolution in technology, communication, business and industry, and the conflict between the globalization movement and national tendencies.

Objectives:

1. To explore what relevance history has to your understanding of the past and the world today.
2. To develop analytic skills that will make it possible to critically evaluate history and how it is revealed to us.

Associate Degree Outcomes:

ADO #7: Developing critical thinking skills, including the use of context and new information

ADO #5: Recognition of how institutions influence human behavior

Academic Integrity:

Students are responsible for making themselves aware of JCC's academic integrity policies. Cheating and plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is required. Please see me if you have any conflicts that cannot be avoided.

General Courtesy Guidelines:

1. Class attendance is essential. If you do not attend class regularly, you will likely earn a poor grade.
2. Tardiness and leaving class early will not be tolerated. Arriving late and leaving early is disruptive and disrespectful.
3. No food or drinks in class.
4. Treat others with respect. It is fine to disagree with someone's opinion, but it is not acceptable to disrespect, demean, belittle, interrupt, or shout down others.

Grading Scale:

93-100 %	4.0	A
86-92	3.5	BA
81-85	3.0	B
76-80	2.5	CB
71-75	2.0	C
66-70	1.5	DC
60-65	1.0	D
0-59	0.0	E

Assignments:

Attendance and participation:	50 points
Midterm and final examination:	50 points each
Out of class essays (three total):	50 points each

Total possible points: 300

Course topics and schedule:

9-29	Introduction and historical overview.
10-6	Industrialization and imperialism. Text chapters 1-3.
10-13	World War I and its impact. Chapter 4.

- 10-20 The rise of communism and fascism; World War II. Chapters 5-6. First essay due.
- 10-27 Origins of the Cold War; the Korean War. Chapter 7.
- 11-3 Development of the western hemisphere after the Second World War. Text chapter 8.
- 11-10 Review; midterm examination.
- 11-17 East and West Europe after 1945. Text chapters 9-10. Second essay due.
- 12-1 India, China, and Vietnam. Chapters 11-13
- 12-8 Africa and the Middle East. Chapters 14-15. Third essay due.
- 12-15 Toward a new century. Chapter 16.
- 12-22 Review; final examination.