



History 104: World Civilizations II

Instructor: Dr. Shannon

Class Meeting Time: Mondays, 1:30-4:00 pm

Course Description

The years from 1500 to 2000 were a period of incredible transformation in world affairs. From the growing interconnectedness of world populations to the promise of political liberty and technological advancement, to the realities of authoritarianism, genocide, and world wars, this period raises important questions about the relationship between reason and emotion, science and religion, technology and progress, and the individual and society. Through an examination of the political, cultural, and intellectual developments in world history, this course will demonstrate how the past continues to influence our understanding of the present.

Course Objectives

Upon completing this course, students should be able to:

- Identify and describe the major events, issues, ideologies, and cultural traditions that existed in the world after ca. 1500, and how these have persisted up to the present.
- Identify and describe the various revolutions that occurred after ca. 1750.
- Read and analyze textual and material records from the global past.
- Craft cohesive responses to questions of historical significance.
- Develop strategies for research, presentation, and collaboration.

Student Workload

This 3-credit course meets as a group for 3 hours per week (according to UW-Green Bay's credit hour policy, each 50-minute class counts as one hour). The course also carries the expectation that you will spend an average of at least 2 hours outside of class for every hour in the classroom. In other words, in addition to class time, plan to allot an average of at least 8 hours per week for reading, writing, preparing for discussions, and/or studying for quizzes and exams for this course.

Grades

Grades are based on the following scale:

Final grades will be calculated accordingly:

100-93 = A
92-88 = A/B
87-83 = B
82-77 = B/C
76-70 = C
69-60 = D
59-0 = F

Assignment #1 = 15%
Assignment #2 = 25%
Assignment #3 = 35%
Discussion and Participation = 25%

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