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Department of History and Philosophy

HIS: 205 World History

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Course objective and learning outcome: European and world history course is designed to provide a general background to the contemporary world that will help the students comprehend the world around them with a historical perspective. Emphasizing the understanding of historian E.H.Carr that history 'is an unending dialogue between the present and the past' students are encouraged to explore how current events of world in which we live at present, have roots in their earlier decisions, policies and processes and to consider the lessons that might be learned for the present from the achievements and tragedies of the past centuries.

Course contents: The course deals with the history of world from the ancient period to the present times. The course will focus on the social, political, economic, culture, governance and global connections from a historical perspective. It is expected that the course will help develop students' knowledge of the key events, figures, ideas and processes of the contemporary world; to provide the students with an empirical and theoretical foundations for the further study of history in general, and society in particular; to assist students develop and improve their skills in reading and thinking critically but clearly, constructing an argument, writing persuasively and interacting positively with their colleagues and contemporaries.

Course Requirements: Classes would be as interactive as possible, encouraging students' participation. It will be done through a combination of class-room lectures, group study/research, power-point presentations and review of books and articles, as well as assigned research. Students are expected to attend all the classes, any student expecting reasonable absence in the class should

consult the course teacher in advance; make-up/retake examinations/assignments are not allowed; any missed examination/assignments will be considered as a zero credit point; students are advised to check the university regulations relevant to courses, examinations and academic honesty.

Marks Distribution

<i>Attendance and participation</i>	<i>05</i>
<i>Mid-Term Examination I</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Mid-Term Examination II</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Debate and Written Assignment</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Quizzes</i>	<i>05</i>
<i>Final Examination</i>	<i>30</i>

Grade Table

Numerical Scores	Letter Grade	Grade Points Per Credit	Numerical Scores	Letter Grade	Grade Points Per Credit
93 and above	A Excellent	4.0	90 - 92	A-	3.7
87 - 89	B+	3.3	83 - 86	B Good	3.0
80 - 82	B-	2.7	77 - 79	C+	2.3
73 - 76	C Average	2.0	70 - 72	C-	1.7
67 - 69	D+	1.3	60 - 66	D Poor	1.0
Below 60	F* Failure	0.0	Incomplete	I	0.0
Withdrawal	W	0.0	Retaken	R	0.0

WORLD HISTORY

COURSE PLAN

<i>Program</i>	<i>Title of Discussion and Key Themes</i>
Lecture 1	Introduction to the class and Course over-view
Lecture 2	The Beginning of Civilization: Indus Valley/Harappa Civilization
Lecture 3	Ancient Greek Civilization
Lecture 4	Roman Civilization
Lecture 5	Medieval to Early modern history: Renaissance to Enlightenment
Lecture 6	Feudalism: Origin, Historiography and Debates; Fall of Feudalism and Rise of Capitalism; The Transition Debate
Lecture 7	Engines of Change: Industrial Revolution; Theories; Events leading to Industrial Revolution; Differential evolution in England and Continental Europe
Lecture 8	<i>Mid-Term Examination – I</i>
Lecture 9	History of America: Pre-history to the Revolution
Lecture 10	The Age of Revolution: French Revolution
Lecture 11	The Era of Napoleon Bonaparte: Empire, Continental System and Downfall.
Lecture 12	The Unification of Italy and Germany
Lecture 13	Gathering of the Storm: The Road to First World War; Debates on the Causes and Response
Lecture 14	The Bolshevik (Russian) Revolution
Lecture 15	The Versailles Settlement; Washington Conference; League of Nations
Lecture 16	<i>Mid-Term Examinations – II</i>
Lecture 17	International Relations between the two World Wars
Lecture 18	Europe of the Dictators
Lecture 19	The Road to World War II
Lecture 20	<i>Debates and Discussions (Details to be announced later)</i>

Lecture 21	A History of the Cold War: Origins, Power Blocks, the formation of NATO, SEATO and the Soviet Block; German Problem, Conflict and Revolution in Africa and Latin America, Détente, End of Cold War
Lecture 22	Impact of Cold War in Asia: Korea and Vietnam
Lecture 23	A Short History of the Far East
Lecture 24	<i>Final Examination (Date to be Announced Later)</i>

***** It is to be noted that there might slight changes/modifications in the course-plan if necessary*****

Recommended Books and Articles

Bentley, Jerry H. *The Oxford Handbook of World History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011

Bloch, Marc. *Feudal Society, volume 1*. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1964

Boyer, Paul S. *American History: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012

Brenner, Robert. "The Agrarian Roots of European Capitalism", *Past and Present*, no. 97, pp. 16-113

----- "Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe", *Past and Present*, no. 70, pp. 30-75

Calvocoressi, Peter. *World Politics since 1945*, Essex: Pearson, 2009

Carr, E.H. *The Twenty Years Crisis, 1919-1939, an Introduction to the Study of International Relations*, London: Harper Perennial, 1964

----- *International Relations between the two World Wars (1919-1939)*, London: Palgrave, 1990

----- *The Bolshevik Revolution, 1917-1923*. vol. 1-3, New-York, W.W. Norton, 1985

Francois, Furet. *Revolutionary France, 1770-1880*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2000

Hill, Christopher. *Reformation to Industrial Revolution, The Pelican Economic History of Britain volume 2*. London: Penguin Books, 1969

----- *The Century of Revolution, 1603-1714*. London: Sphere Books, 1969

Hobsbawm, Eric. *The Age of Revolution, 1789-1848*. New York: Vintage Books, 1962

----- *The Age of Extremes: The Short twentieth Century, 1914-1991*. London: Abacus, 2003

----- *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914*. New York: Vintage Books, 1989

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A Short History of the Far East*, London: Macmillan, 1964

Lefebvre, George. *The Coming of the French Revolution*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005 (re-print)

Mahajan, V.D. *History of Modern Europe since 1789*, New Delhi: S. Chand, 1983

McCullough, David. *1776*. London: Simon and Schuster, 2005

Middlekauff, Robert. *The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007

Pomeroy, Sarah. B. *A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society and Culture*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004

Ratnagar, Shereen. *Understanding Harappa: Civilization in the Greater Indus Valley*, New Delhi: Tulika, 2002

Taylor, A.J.P. *The Origins of the Second World War*, New York: penguin Books, 1964

Thomson, David. *Europe since Napoleon*. London: Penguin Books, 1990

Wiskemann, Elizabeth. *Europe of the Dictators, 1919-1945, Fontana History of Europe*. London: Collins, 1972

Additional reference materials will be provided during the semester course, and will be available at the photo-copy center and in the Faculty Resource (depending upon the availability of soft-copy)