

## HIS 212: 20th and 21st Century World History

### General Information:

**Term: 2022 Summer Session**

**Instructor: Staff**

**Language of Instruction: English**

**Classroom: TBA**

**Office Hours: TBA**

**Class Sessions Per Week: 5**

**Total Weeks: 5**

**Total Class Sessions: 25**

**Class Session Length (minutes): 145**

**Credit Hours: 4**

### Course Description:

This course covers the process of historical transformation of the world from the early 20th century to the present. It examines relations among the major powers, the impact of imperialism, the growth of global political economy, and the differing patterns of industrialization, modernization and cultural development throughout the period. The causes and effects of the two World Wars, the dynamics of the Cold War, the rise of terrorism will be emphasized. In addition, we will also probe into issues related to global movements such as gender, class, race and culture.

### Course Outcomes:

- Demonstrate a general understanding of the historical events and ideas of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Evaluate the contributions of prominent historical figures and the influence of significant historical events on societies and cultures.
- Connect historical events with contemporary global affairs.

### Attendance:

Summer school is very intense and to be successful, students need to attend every class. Occasionally, due to illness or other unavoidable circumstance, a student may need to miss



a class. Huazhong University of Science & Technology policy requires a medical certificate to be excused. Any unexcused absence may impact on the student's grade.

### Course Materials:

1. *A History of the World: From the 20th to the 21st Century*, Grenville, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition
2. Lecture Notes

### Course Assignments:

#### Quizzes:

There will be five weekly Quizzes during the semester. The Quizzes will be based on the previous lectures and reading materials, and will vary among short answer, identification, and multiple choice style questions. They will be given at the beginning of class. Students cannot make up a missed quiz for any reason.

#### News Article Paper:

Many of the major international issues taking place in the world today are related to the historical issues and events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Therefore, students need to find a recent article and write a critical essay of 2 pages. Students are required to incorporate the lectures and readings into the analysis.

#### Group Presentation:

Each chapter requires a presentation. Students will be randomly assigned to two-person groups. Each group should choose a topic related to the subject of the chapter. The group representatives will give a 5-minute presentation at the beginning of a new chapter.

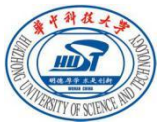
#### Exams:

There will be a midterm exam and a final exam consisting of both objective and subjective questions that will be derived from lectures and reading materials. The final exam will cover the period after the midterm exam. There will be an in-class review of the covered course materials prior to each exam.

### Grading Policy

In this course, grading will be based on the following:

Attendance and Participation	10%
Quizzes	10%
News Article Paper	15%
Group Presentation	15%
Midterm Exam	25%



Final Exam	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Grading Scale (percentage):

A+: 98%-100%

A: 93%-97%

A-: 90%-92%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 83%-87%

B-: 80%-82%

C+: 78%-79%

C: 73%-77%

C-: 70%-72%

D+: 68%-69%

D: 63%-67%

D-: 60%-62%

F: Below 60%

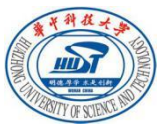
### General expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all material covered in class and otherwise assigned. Any unexcused absence may impact a student's grade.
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class
- Participate and be responsible for your fair share of group work
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during class
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time

### Course Schedules

Week	Topics	Activities



1	Course Introduction Syllabus Overview Introduction to the World in 1990 World War I The Peace of Versailles The Russian Revolution	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Group Presentation
2	Revolution and the “New” Imperialism” The Great Depression The Rise of Fascism The Rise of the Japanese Empire in Asia	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Group Presentation
3	World War II: Hitler and the War in Europe The War in Asia End of the War The Aftermath of WWII	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Group Presentation Midterm Exam
4	The Cold War Proxy Wars The Fall of the Soviet Union The Third World: Egypt and Israel The Partition of India Latin America	Quizzes Reading & Discussion Group Presentation News Article Paper
5	Decolonization in Africa Southeast Asia and Viet Nam	Quizzes



	<p>The End of the Cold War</p> <p>The Post Industrial World</p> <p>Global Change: From the 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Century</p>	<p>Reading &amp; Discussion</p> <p>Group Presentation</p> <p>Final Exam</p>
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### Detailed Discussion of Course Requirements

This course is designed to be an interactive history course in which student teams will be active participants in their study of history. Each week the instructor will provide students with a broadly themed lecture and investigative questions that will provide the context for the week’s topic. Students will work in teams analyzing and reading primary sources. Individually, they will be required to take notes on the required readings and lectures, take quizzes, and two examinations. As part of a team, students will be required to analyze primary documents, make contributions to team discussions, on at least one occasion act as team spokesperson, and at least once, act as a presenter for the group. The combination of individual and group assessment is offered to students to allow them multiple opportunities to demonstrate their comprehension of the course material.

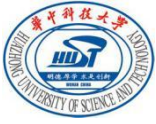
### Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Huazhong University of Science & Technology’s *Academic Conduct Code*.

Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean’s Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the passing off of another’s words or ideas as your own, and it is a serious academic offense. The Dean’s Office may be notified of any suspected plagiarism. If



you have questions about how to cite a source in your essays, make an appointment to discuss the matter with your professor.

### **Special Needs or Assistance:**

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.