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Required textbooks (available in the University Bookstore)

Felipe Fernandez-Armesto, *The World: a History*, Vol. 2: From 1300 to the Present
(Prentice-Hall, 2006) ISBN 0-13-177768-8

Kevin Reilly, *Worlds of History: A Comparative Reader*, 3rd ed., Vol. 2: Since 1400
(Bedford/ St. Martin's, 2007) ISBN 978-0-312-44686-4

Anthony Weston, *A Rulebook for Arguments*, 3rd ed.(Hackett, 2000) ISBN 0-87220-552-5

Course Description

A survey of the major themes, phenomena, and processes in global history since the 15th century. The course examines cultural, political, social, and economic interactions of human societies, and the interactions of humans with their environment in the modern era. Through conceptually-oriented textbook readings and primary document analysis, concepts such as “the West”, globalization, and modernity.

Learning Objectives

- Practice reading, evaluating, and constructing complex, factually-supported arguments.
- Ability to identify and interpret primary sources.
- Ability to conduct independent library and Internet research, evaluate sources, and assess content.
- Practice writing essays with structured argument and scholarly apparatus.
- Facility interpreting historical maps and identifying geographic features and political entities by name.

Course Requirements

- Read and understand the course syllabus and assigned texts. Take notes to help analyze and remember what you read.
- Attend class and take notes on lectures and discussion.
- Complete all tests and assessed work on time, as described below.
- Uphold the code of academic honesty at all times.
- Respect other members of the class. Make sure that your activities in the classroom enhance and do not interfere with the ability of others to listen and participate. This includes being responsible for any electronic devices in your possession—please turn them off during class .

Assessment:

- 3 exams:
 - 2 midterms, each worth 15% of final grade
 - 1 semi-comprehensive final—20%
- Quizzes and take-home exercises—10% total
- 2 essays (20% each), described as follows:
 - Essay I:* (5-8 pages) Choose an empire during the period 1500-1800. To what extent was this empire successful in benefiting from globalization? Address developments in the economy, use of global technologies, and administration. Choose from the Ottoman, Mughal, Safavid, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Ethiopian, Ashante, Kongo, Chinese, Japanese, British, Dutch, Siamese, Burmese, or Vietnamese empires.

Essay II: (5-8 pages) Research a topic of your choice from the period 1750-2007, and identify a debate among historians. Assess the the arguments for at least two sides of the debate, and determine which is more convincing (using, for example, the rules found in Weston).

Detailed essay-writing guidelines will be provided separately.

Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities who seek accommodations must make a request by contacting Disability Support Services located in Counseling Services on the lower floor of Pittman Hall, or call 726-4078/ 726-2105. The instructor can only grant accommodations upon written notification from Disability Support Services.

Course calendar
Fall 2007

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Aug 27	Course introduction The West, the World, and the Modern Era	Armesto ch. 15	<i>Fri. 8/31 Quiz on syllabus</i>
I. The early modern world			
Sep 3	Explorations and Expansions	Armesto 16; Reilly 1	
Sep 10	Empires, Networks and Exchanges	Armesto 17; Reilly 2	<i>Map quiz</i>
Sep 17	Developments in Science and Religion	Armesto 18; Reilly 3, 5	
Sep 24	Modernizing states and economies	Armesto 19, 20; docs TBA	<i>9/26 Essay 1 due</i>
Oct 1	Empires of trade	Armesto 21; docs TBA	<i>10/5 exam 1</i>
II. The Long 19th century			
Oct 8	Enlightenment and Revolution	Armesto 22; Reilly 6	
<i>Oct 15 Fall Break</i>			
Oct 17	Industrialization and Society	Armesto 23-24; Reilly 7	
Oct 22	High Imperialism	Armesto 25; Reilly 8	
Oct 29	Nationalisms and States	Armesto 26; Reilly 9	<i>11/02 exam 2</i>
III. The 20th century and beyond			
Nov 5	The 20 th century mind	Armesto 27; docs TBA	
Nov 12	World War and Decolonization	Armesto 28; Reilly 10	<i>11/16 Essay 2 due</i>
<i>Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving holiday</i>			
Nov 26	Cold War and local realities	Armesto 29; docs TBA	
Dec 3	Globalization and the environment 12/7 Classes end	Armesto 30; Reilly 14	<i>12/1_ Final Exam</i>