



## **DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION**

### **COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2015**

#### **HI1110 (A2) THE EARLY MODERN WORLD - 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon. 10-11:20; Tues. 11:30-1:00; Thurs. 11:30-1:00; Fri. 11:30-1:00

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:** None

Reading materials or links thereto will be made available as necessary on Moodle.

#### **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed as an introductory survey of global history and will provide a foundation for advanced study in history and related fields. It covers the major political, cultural, intellectual and economic developments of the world from the 15th century through the 18th century.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:** 3 credits / 3 hours per week

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** The course work includes lectures, discussions, research, and writing assignments, as well as tests and a final exam.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This course intends to provide students with

- An overview of trends in world history within the themes of empire building, scientific and technological development, the history of ideas, and exploration and settlement.

- An understanding of the questions historians pose, the challenges they face, and the tools they employ in their work.
- Improved skills in collecting, interpreting, and presenting information.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Students will be able to identify significant trends and major events in world history between 1300 and 1815 and identify and explain the casual factors and other significant details for each.
- Students will be able to formulate appropriate research questions; identify, select, and investigate appropriate primary and secondary sources; interpret the resulting information; and construct written responses in essay form.

### **TRANSFERABILITY:**

**\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

This course has university transferability to the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, Athabasca University, Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta, Canadian University College, Concordia University College of Alberta, and King's University College. For complete information consult the Alberta Transfer Guide ([www.transferalberta.ca](http://www.transferalberta.ca)).

### **GRADING CRITERIA:**

Grades will be assigned on the Letter Grading System.

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GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A <sup>+</sup>	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A <sup>-</sup>	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B <sup>+</sup>	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B <sup>-</sup>	2.7	70 – 72	
C <sup>+</sup>	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C <sup>-</sup>	1.7	60 – 62	
D <sup>+</sup>	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

#### EVALUATIONS:

Class Participation	10%
Discussion Opinion Pieces (2 worth 5% each)	10%
Assignment #1 (Primary Source Assessment)	15%
Assignment #2 (Research Project)	20%
Tests – 3 worth 5% each	15%
Final Exam	30%
<b>Course Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

All assignments must follow the requirements laid out in the course assignment file. Topics must be approved by the instructor unless specified otherwise in the course assignment file.

All assignments must be original work for this course. Work previously submitted for other courses will not be accepted in this course. Students found to have submitted previous work will receive a 0% for the assignment.

All assignments must be word-processed. It is particularly important to save a copy of any written work handed in for credit or grading.

All assignments will be submitted electronically via Moodle. This procedure will be demonstrated in class.

All assignments are to be submitted before midnight on the due date. There will be a twelve hour grace period following the deadline during which no penalty will be applied. Work submitted within forty-eight hours of the deadline will be penalized 15%. Work submitted after forty-eight hours of the deadline will not be accepted for grading and students will receive a 0% for the assignment. Extensions beyond forty-eight hours will only be considered when students contact the instructor prior to the deadline and present evidence of extenuating circumstances.

Students will be assessed on their research, synthesis and writing in the course assignments. The presentation of information in terms of organization and writing will be given equal weight in grading to the research and analysis.

Three short tests will be scheduled during the semester and there will be a final exam written during the exam period in December.

## **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Students are expected to commit the required time to complete this course. Requests to reschedule assignments or exams are extraordinary and will only be granted under such circumstances.
- Students who are unable to write the midterm on the scheduled date should advise the instructor as soon as possible either by e-mail or office telephone. Makeup midterms will only be granted under extenuating circumstances.
- Submitting assigned work on the dates set by the instructor.
- Regular attendance is important to success in HI1110. The lectures contain important information and interpretations for exams and instructions for assignments.
- Participation in course discussions is important and 10% of your final grade is based on your

contributions to these classroom discussions.

- The college policy on student rights and responsibilities is available here

[https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms\\_documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf](https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf)

## **STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Incidences of academic dishonesty will result in penalties commensurate with the severity of the offence. Please refer to the college policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at [https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms\\_documents/Student\\_Misconduct.pdf](https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf)

**\*\*Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

September 4: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

September 7: LABOUR DAY (NO CLASS)

*Empires*

September 11: THE MONGOL LEGACY

September 14: THE BIRTH OF RUSSIA

September 18: THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

September 21: THE MUGHAL EMPIRE

September 25: MING CHINA

September 28: TEST #1

*European Exploration and "Discovery"*

October 2: PORTUGAL'S LEAD

October 5: COLUMBUS AND HIS SUCCESSORS

October 9: EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS

October 12: THANKSGIVING (NO CLASS)

**October 13 – Assignment #1 Due**

October 16: MARITIME EMPIRES

October 19: THE COMMERCIAL REVOLUTION

October 23: SLAVERY

October 26: GLOBAL CONFLICT

**October 28 is the last day to withdraw**

October 30: **TEST #2**

*Nature, Technology, and Ideas*

November 2: BLACK DEATH AND THE LITTLE ICE AGE

November 6: RENAISSANCE AND THE REFORMATION

November 9: EARLY MODERN MEDICINE

November 13: **FALL BREAK (NO CLASS)**

November 16: THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE

**November 16 – Assignment #2 Due**

November 20: OVERCOMING MALTHUS – THE AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION

November 23: NEWTON’S LEGACY – THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION

November 27: THE ENLIGHTENMENT

November 30: **TEST #3**

December 4: INDUSTRIALIZATION AND REVOLUTION

December 7: EXAM REVIEW

**A FINAL EXAM WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE EXAM PERIOD - HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!**