



蘇州大學
Soochow University

HIS 107 World History II

Winter 2024

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 56 hours

Instructor: TBA

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course examines global economic, political, social, and intellectual trends from the fifteenth century to the present. The primary focus is on the shift of wealth and power from Asia to Europe during this period. While specific regions are covered, the emphasis is on developing an understanding of global interrelationships that gave rise to the modern world. The course explores the overarching theme of modernity, investigating topics such as global economic integration, colonialism and imperialism, cultural identities and nationalisms, intellectual, political, and industrial revolutions, hot and cold world wars, decolonization, and processes of globalization.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze and evaluate the major economic, political, and social developments from the fifteenth century to the present;
2. Understand the global interrelationships that shaped the modern world, with a focus on the shift of wealth and power from Asia to Europe;
3. Evaluate the role of cultural identities and nationalisms in shaping historical events;
4. Analyze the causes and consequences of intellectual, political, and industrial revolutions;
5. Understand the complexities of globalization and its influence on contemporary society.

PREREQUISITES

None



GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:

ITEM	POINTS
4 Assignments	20 Points
2 Quizzes	20 Points
Final Paper	20 Points
Midterm Exam	15 Points
Final Exam	25 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F.$$

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Kordas, Ann, Ryan Lynch, Brooke Nelson, and Julie Tatlock. *World History, Volume 2: From 1400*. Houston: OpenStax, 2022.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	<p>Topics: Topic 1: Developing a Global Perspective Topic 2: Pre-Contact Empires of Africa Topic 3: Late Empires and European Contact Topic 4: Exchange in East Asia and the Indian Ocean</p> <p>Assessments: Assignment #1</p>



Module 2	Topics: Topic 5: Early Modern Africa and the Wider World Topic 6: Foundations of the Atlantic World Topic 7: Colonization and Economic Expansion Topic 8: Revolutions in Europe and North America Assessments: Assignment #2 Quiz #1
Module 3	Topics: Topic 9: South American Independence Topic 10: Revolutions in Latin America Topic 11: Expansion in the Industrial Age Topic 12: Life and Labor in the Industrial World Assessments: Assignment #3 Midterm Exam
Module 4	Topics: Topic 13: State Building in the Americas Topic 14: Imperialism and Africa Topic 15: East Asia Confronts the West Topic 16: Imperialism and India Assessments: Assignment #4 Quiz #2
Module 5	Topics: Topic 17: The War to End All Wars Topic 18: The Interwar Period Topic 19: Cold War Conflicts Topic 20: The Contemporary World and Ongoing Challenges Assessments: Final Paper Final Exam

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning



and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.



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DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University 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.