
HIST 104

Introduction to the Modern World

COURSE DESCRIPTION & LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course is a broad-based survey of the history of the modern Western World from the Renaissance to the 2000s. After completing this introductory course, the student will be able to:

- Identify and trace the political, cultural, social, intellectual and economic development of European civilizations from 1500 to the 1990s. Pivotal events are: the religious wars; the growth of the modern State; the Scientific Revolution; the Enlightenment; the Atlantic Revolutions; the Industrial revolution; the two World Wars; the Depression; the Decolonization and the Cold War. In addition, we will examine a number of cultural developments that profoundly affected the Western history and identity. Among these are the characteristic Western ethnocentrism and the assumption of its superiority: the birth of modern ideologies (such as nationalism and white feminism) and the development of imperial economies and cultures.
- Generate a short argumentative piece with relevant statements and facts.
- Critically select relevant sources to support their argumentation.
- Effectively cite their sources to demonstrate intellectual honesty.
- Maintain professional correspondence with peers and instructors.

FORMAT

This course will be exclusively online. There will be:

- NO LECTURES. Instead, you will be in charge of meticulously reading and gathering facts and concepts from the reading assignments.
- NO MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAM. Instead, you will have weekly assignments (except during Quiet Period).
- ONLINE INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY QUIZZES. You will take them on Achieve (with a link from BS) at any point you want, as long as you complete them before the deadline.
- ONLINE SHORT ESSAYS to reflect on a set of historical documents.

GRADING DISTRIBUTION

- 14 best QUIZZES (out of 16) for a total of 60% of your grade.
 - 8 best ESSAYS (out of 10) for a total of 40% of your grade.
- There will be opportunities for the class to earn an extra-credit. It will be a collective effort, with a collective reward. These will be announced by email.

Fall 2023 – CRNs: 19191, 19197, 24766, 24767

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Student Hours: Wednesday, 7-8 pm or by appointment on Zoom

This course is on BrightSpace (BS) at

Purdue.brightspace.com

Required Material

John P. McKay, Bennett D. Hill, John Buckler, Clare Haru Crowston, Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks, Joe Perry, *A History of Western Society*, Value Edition, Vol. II, 14th edition (2023)

Value Edition

ISBN: **9781319537043**

Value Text Volume 2 + Achieve 1 term access card: ~\$61

Make sure to register with your Purdue email on Achieve.

Milestones

WEDNESDAYS, 7-8 PM (Zoom)

Office hour on Zoom (Optional)

FRIDAYS, 11.59 PM (MIDNIGHT)

- Submit your Essay
 - Deadline for the Weekly Quiz
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SEPTEMBER 5TH, 12PM (MIDNIGHT)

Complete the ICP activity in the folder W1 on BS for the Initial Course Participation

All deadlines are set on EST.

ACADEMIC PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

Attendance Policy

The University expects that students will attend online and traditional classes for which they are registered. At times, however, either anticipated or unanticipated absences can occur. Therefore, I will drop the lowest 2 quiz and essay grades out of everyone's final grade, so that everyone can skip 2 weeks of assignments if they need. If a student needs accommodation for more than two weeks of absence (particularly for Grief/Bereavement, Military Service, Jury Duty, Parental Leave, and Medically Excused Absence), they will have to contact the Office of the Dean of Students at (765) 494-1747 to discuss needs for support.

Initial Course Participation

I am required to report your "Initial Course Participation" to the Registrar's Office by 9/5, 12PM. To be "attending" this course, you need to complete your ICP activity, located in your W1 folder on BS. If you do not complete it by the due date, you will be reported as "absent".

Accommodations and Accessibility

Purdue University strives to make learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience physical or academic barriers based on disability, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center at drc@purdue.edu or by phone: 765-494-1247. You are also welcome to let me know so that we can discuss options.

Learning climate and Nondiscrimination Statement

Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach their own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life. Purdue's nondiscrimination policy can be found [here](#).

This means that we will not tolerate behaviors that deny the existence or experience of others in this course. It is my prerogative to redirect such disruptive, harassing, disrespectful behavior to the Dean of Students.

Grading Scale

A+	= 96.5 – 100%
A	= 92.5 – 96.5%
A-	= 89.5 – 92.5%
B+	= 86.5 – 89.5%
B	= 82.5 – 86.5%
B-	= 79.5 – 82.5%
C+	= 76.5 – 79.5%
C	= 72.5 – 76.5%
C-	= 69.5 – 72.5%
D+	= 66.5 – 69.5%
D	= 62.5 – 66.5%
D-	= 59.5 – 62.5%
F	= 0 – 59.5%

This course is not graded on a curve.

Disclaimer

In the event of a major campus emergency, the above requirements, deadlines, and grading policies are subject to changes that may be required by a revised semester calendar. Any such changes in this course will be posted once the course resumes on BrightSpace or can be obtained by contacting the professor via email.

Land Acknowledgment

Before we begin today, we would like to acknowledge the ancestral home of the first people who lived on the land Purdue University now occupies. There are no monuments, signs, or named building that acknowledge the first people. We should do better. We must do more. The least we can do today is acknowledge those ancestral and historic people, including the Potawatomi and Miami, and acknowledge them for being the first stewards of this land.

HOW TO FOSTER A GOOD RELATION WITH YOUR ONLINE INSTRUCTOR AND TEACHING ASSISTANT

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR

- Inform me of your need(s) for accommodation: longer absence than 2 weeks? Unreliable access to internet?
- Inform me if you are graduating at the end of the semester
- Inform me if you want to discuss a fast-track schedule
- But keep in mind that my emails cannot guarantee privacy (by law, they can be pulled by public request of information). If you want to discuss sensitive and personal information, I recommend you ask for a virtual meeting.

BUT BEFORE EMAILING YOUR INSTRUCTOR AND/OR YOUR TA:

- Read the syllabus and the assignment guidelines. Check the Q/A forum on BrightSpace. Your question may already be answered.
- Read the feedback we give you for each of your writing assignments on Gradescope
- Email me directly if you want to discuss an absence, or accommodations for a disability.
- If you have a technical issue (for ex: you can't log in), contact ITAP at itap@purdue.edu and copy me in the email.

BE SPECIFIC AND USE A PROFESSIONAL TONE:

- Use your official Purdue email
- Include “**HIST 10400-00**” in the subject line according to the section in which you are. You can find your section number on Brightspace or on your course catalog:
 - CRN 19191 = HIST 10400-00**1**
 - CRN 19197 = HIST 10400-00**2**
 - CRN 24766 = HIST 10400-00**3**
 - CRN 24767 = HIST 10400-00**4**
- Please address us as “Dr. Bouquet” or “Erin” for your TA.
- Introduce yourself
 - your name (which you can set on MyPurdue)
 - your class (see above about the subject line)
 - your pronouns (mine are she/her/hers)
- I reliably read my emails between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily and will respond within 1 business day

Mental Health

- If you find yourself beginning to feel some stress, anxiety and/or feeling slightly overwhelmed, try [WellTrack](#)
- If you need support and information about options and resources, please see the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) for drop-in hours (M-F, 8 am- 5 pm).

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of mental health support, services are available. Such individuals should contact [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) at (765) 494-6995 and on the website during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or by going to the CAPS office of the 2nd floor of PUSH during business hours.

Basic Needs Security

Primarily through the Dean of Students Office, Purdue has a range of ways to support students through times of struggle and insecurity. In addition to highlighting the availability of the Dean of Students, you may also want to familiarize yourself with some of the following resources:

- [ODOS overall resources portal](#) and the [Critical Need Fund](#).
- [Student of concern reporting](#) (anyone on campus can submit a report if they are unsure where to go or in what way they can help a student - it does not need to be an emergency).
- The [ACE Campus Food Pantry](#) (open to the entire Purdue community)
- The [Center for Advocacy, Response & Education](#) (open to the entire Purdue community) “provides support and advocacy for survivors of sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking.

SCHEDULE:

Date	Assignments	Administrative
Week 1 (8/21 – 8/25): Meet and Greet + Absolutism and Constitutionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Syllabus & Chapter 15 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Complete 3 ICP activities (Survey, Notifications, Tutorial Activity) • Complete W1 Quiz Chapter 15 by Friday, midnight. 	
Week 2 (8/28 – 9/1): Toward a New Worldview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 16 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Complete the Tutorial Activity on Avoiding Plagiarism • Friday (midnight): Complete W2 Quiz + W2 Essay 	8/28: Last Day to register without a late fee 9/1: Last day to cancel a course assignment without it appearing on record
Week 3 (9/5 - 9/8): The Expansion of Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/5, 12pm: Make sure that you have submitted the 3 ICP activities (See “Start Here”) • Read Chapter 17 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W3 Quiz • (No W3 Essay) 	9/4: Labor Day (No Classes)
Week 4 (9/11 – 9/15): Life in the Era of Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 18 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W4 Quiz + W4 Essay 	
Week 5 (9/18 – 9/22): Revolutions in Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 19 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W5 Quiz + W5 Essay 	9/18: Last Day To Withdraw a Course With a Grade of W or To Add/Modify a Course With Instructor and Advisor Signature
Week 6 (9/25 – 9/29): The Revolution in Energy and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 20 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W6 Quiz + W6 Essay 	
Week 7 (10/2 – 10/6): Ideologies and Upheavals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 21 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W7 Quiz + W7 Essay 	10/2: Last Day For Grade Correction For Last Semester 10/9: Schedule of Classes published for Spring 2024 Term
Week 8 (10/11 – 10/13): Life in the Emerging Urban Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 22 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W8 Quiz • (No W8 Essay) • Extra-Credit: Mid-Semester Survey 	10/9-10/10: October Break
Week 9 (10/16 – 10/20): The Age of Nationalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 23 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W9 Quiz + W9 Essay 	
Week 10 (10/23 – 10/27): The West and the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 24 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W10 Quiz + W10 Essay 	10/24: Last Day to Withdraw from a Course with a W or WF grade 10/24: Last Day to Add/Modify a Course With Instructor, Advisor and Department Head Signature

Week 11 (10/30 – 11/3): War and Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 25 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W11 Quiz + W11 Essay 	
Week 12 (11/6 – 11/10): The Age of Anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 26 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W12 Quiz + W12 Essay 	
Week 13 (11/13 - 11/17): Dictatorships and the Second World War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 27 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Friday (midnight): W13 Quiz + W13 Essay 	
Week 14 (11/20 – 11/21): Cold War Conflict and Consensus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 28 • Tuesday (midnight): W14 Quiz (deadline extension until Friday, 11.59pm) • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • (No W14 Essay) 	11/22-11/25: Thanksgiving Vacation
Week 15 (11/27 – 12/1): Challenging the Postwar Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 29 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • (No W15 Essay) • Friday (midnight): W15 Quiz 	Quiet Period
Week 16 (12/4 – 12/8): Life in an Age of Globalization, 1990 to the Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 30 • Wednesday 7-8 pm: Office Hours (Zoom) • Due by Monday 12/11: W16 Quiz • (No W16 Essay) • Extra-credit: Course Evaluation 	12/9: Classes End 12/11-12/16: Final Exams 12/16: Semester Ends 12/19: Grades Due

PURDUE HONORS PLEDGE

As a boilermaker pursuing academic excellence, I pledge to be honest and true in all that I do. Accountable together - we are Purdue.

Academic integrity is one of the highest values that Purdue University holds. Individuals are encouraged to alert university officials to potential breaches of this value by either emailing integrity@purdue.edu. While information may be submitted anonymously, the more information that is submitted provides the greatest opportunity for the university to investigate the concern.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Cheating, plagiarism, and other dishonest practices will be punished as harshly as Purdue University policies allow.

In accordance with Purdue's statement on academic dishonesty, we will report these following activities (starting with the first offense) as **academic dishonesty to the Office of the Dean of Students**:

- having someone take your quiz on your behalf or taking the quiz under someone else's name.
- having someone else writing your assignment or writing someone else's assignment (including the use of services such as Chegg).
- plagiarizing the assigned readings without proper acknowledgment (with citations)

For the sake of this course, the following will **not** be considered to be dishonest:

- using your own notes or the e-book during a quiz.
- discussing concepts and ideas you might include in a writing assignment (as long as you do not share a draft or copy of your assignment).
- using facts and ideas from a third party (publication, website, etc) as long as it is properly attributed to the third party in your citations and footnotes.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism refers to the **reproduction of another's words or ideas without proper attribution** in your writing assignments. Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are **serious offenses** and will be treated as such in this class. You are expected to produce your own work and to accurately cite all materials you have used.

In particular, these actions will be considered to be plagiarism:

- using words and phrases from the textbook/reading material without quotation marks and a page reference after the quote.
- using ideas, concepts, or definitions from the textbook without a page reference at the end of the sentence.
- paraphrasing too close to the original text (even with a reference). See "Patchwriting" in the Tutorial Activity on Avoiding Plagiarism on Achieve
- using words or ideas from another source without proper references in a footnote.

Repercussions for Academic Dishonesty:

See list of offenses on the left.

Repercussions for Plagiarism:

1st offense = 0 on the assignment for the following cases:

- Quoted from the textbook or from another source **without quotation marks or page numbers**
- Paraphrased the textbook or another source **without proper references in a footnote**
- Provided an **incomplete citation** that made it impossible for the reader to track down the source

2nd offense = 0 on the assignment + report to the Dean of Students.

- Quoted from the textbook or from another source **without quotation marks or page numbers**
- Paraphrased the textbook or another source **without proper references in a footnote**
- Provided an **incomplete citation** that made it impossible for the reader to track down the source

Citation Style for History:

Chicago Manual of Style

<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) OR LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS (LLM)

AI tools gather their data from multiple internet sources, and thus reflect whatever content is inherent in these sources. As part of Purdue's mission to prepare all our students to be aware of both the power and limitation of new technical tools, generative AI can facilitate a great deal of inquiry and discussion in this regard.

One major drawback from AI tools is that they yield results that almost exclusively amplify stereotypes and exclude nuances or under-represented minority cases. It overly relies on past theories and beliefs even if more recent research is correcting those.

In the context of historical research, AI does not seem to know (yet) the difference between primary sources and secondary sources, between (real) historical documents and fictional takes on these sources. My own trials with ChatGPT revealed that the resulting text featured theories that were outdated, or just plain inaccurate. When I challenged the answers with follow-up questions, ChatGPT **made up** historical documents to support its initial stance.

Additionally, when I fed essay prompts from this course to ChatGPT, I got answers that did not refer to the assigned primary sources at all (earning a failing grade).

In conclusion, AI can be a thinking tool, depending on how critically students examine its results. I do not ban the use of AI in this course. I highly caution students to check the accuracy (and even existence) of the included "facts". I also recommend students to not submit essays that do not feature all assigned primary sources (unless specified otherwise in the prompt), as it would lead to a failing grade. Finally, students should specify in their essay's footnotes whether they used AI, which AI tool they used, and what questions (and follow-up questions) they submitted to the AI engine.

EXAMPLES OF PLAGIARISM AND HOW TO FIX THEM

Case # 1: "Blatant Plagiarism"

Student's text: Diderot believed that humans should be free from the vices of civilized society.

Textbook: "The character's praise for his own culture allows Diderot to express his Enlightenment idealization of "natural man," free from the vices of civilized societies."¹

1. *Understanding Western Societies*, 508.

Why is this plagiarism? The student did not acknowledge that they borrowed the phrasing "free from the vices of civilized society" from the textbook. By omitting a footnote, the student implicitly suggested that the phrasing was their own. In addition, the student misrepresented McKay's interpretation of

How to Insert, Delete, or Edit Footnotes in Microsoft

Word:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/insert-delete-or-edit-footnotes-and-endnotes-HP001226522.aspx>

How to Format a Footnote:

■ **Book:** [First Name] [Last Name], *Title* (Place of publication: Publisher, date), page numbers.

Example: Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* (New York: Penguin, 2006), 99-100.

Same for the textbook: John P. McKay, Bennett D. Hill, John Buckler, Clare Haru Crowston, Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks, Joe Perry, *A History of Western Society*, Vol. II, 13th edition (2020), p. #.

■ **Article:** [Last Name], [First Name]. "Title of the Article." *Journal Title*, Volume, no. Issue (Year/Date): page numbers.

Example: Phillips, David. "Aspects of Education for Democratic Citizenship in Post-War Germany." *Oxford Review of Education* 38, no. 5 (2012): 567-581.

■ **Internet source:** link, (Date)

Diderot's philosophy by oversimplifying it. Misrepresenting someone's point is not plagiarism, but it shows a poor understanding of the material.

How to fix this

- Option # 1: introduce the author of the phrasing, use **quotation marks** and add a footnote

According to John McKay, Diderot developed the concept of "natural man," an ideal "free from the vices of civilized societies"¹

1. *Understanding Western Societies*, 508.

- Option # 2: introduce the original author, **paraphrase** in your own words and add a footnote.

As John McKay highlighted, Diderot's ideal of the "natural man" underlined the corrupting effect of the Western societies on human nature.¹

1. *Understanding Western Societies*, 508.

Case # 2: "Incomplete reference"

Student's text: An article on European slave trade, *The European slave trade*, describes a result of this business, "As an indication of this, in Victorian Britain one of the units of currency was the guinea because Guinea, a region in West Africa, was a source of riches."

Why is this plagiarism? While the student indicated that he used someone else's wording with quotation marks, they failed to provide their source. In this case, the student used an online page, which they should have referenced in a footnote.

How to fix this

- insert a footnote at the end of your quote.
- format your footnotes as described in the right column.