

HISTORY 104: INTRODUCTION TO THE MODERN WORLD

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Course Requirements:

Unannounced in-class quizzes (20%)

1 in-class Mid-term Exam (40%)

1 Final Exam (40%)

Make-up Quiz and Exam Policy: No quiz make-ups. There will be one scheduled make-up session for the mid-term exam for students with legitimate excuses. Other exams on the same day (excepting the final), **do not** constitute a legitimate excuse. There will be an alternative exam period offered during finals week.

Required Readings:

Introduction to the Modern World, by James R. Farr (available at Copymat in the Village)

Origins of the Modern World, by Robert Marks. Second Edition. Rowman and Littlefield (available at Follett's and University Bookstore)

Class Schedule: [Read the assignments in parenthesis before the first date listed. For example, read Farr, Chapter 1, before the class meets on January 10]

Jan 8: Introduction

Jan. 10-17: The Emergence of the Modern Nation-State (Read Farr, Chapter 1)

Jan. 22-24: Society and Economy in Early Modern Europe (Farr, Chapter 2, Marks, Introduction, Chapters 1-3.)

Jan. 29: Scientific Revolution (Farr, Chapter 3)

Feb. 1: The Enlightenment (Farr, Chapter 4)

Feb. 5-7: The American and French Revolutions (Farr, Chapter 5)

Feb. 12-14 The Industrial Revolution (Farr, Chapter 6, Marks, Chapter 4)

Feb. 19-21: Ideologies of Modernity: Liberalism and Socialism (Farr, Chapter 7)

Feb. 26-28: Imperialism and Nationalism (Farr, Chapter 8, Marks, Chapter 5)

March 4—Mid-term [covers all readings and lecture materials to this point]

March 6: no class

March 18-20: Age of the Masses (Farr, Chapter 9)

March 25-27: Fighting the Great War in the Mad World of Blood, Death and Fire; The Lost Generation (Farr, Chapter 10, Marks, pp.155-162)

April 1: Russian Revolution and the Rise of the USSR

April 3-8: Capitalism in Crisis; Rise of the Nazis (Farr, Chapter 11, Marks, pp.162-165)

April 10-15: World War II; Architects of Globalism (Farr, Chapter 12, Marks, pp. 165-170)

April 17: The Post-War World: Geopolitical Strategies (Farr, Chapter 13, and Marks, p. 170-185)

April 22: Post War West: Social and Cultural Transformations

April 24:The Challenges of Globalism (Marks, p. 185-194, Conclusion)

Final Exam: TBA (Covers all readings and lecture materials since the mid-term)

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 the course website or can be obtained by contacting the instructor via email or phone.