San José State University  
History Department  
Hist155-02 (44661), 20th Century World, Fall 2019

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Please, feel free to e-mail me or come to office hours with any questions you have, big or small!

Office Hours: W 12:00-1:00pm; via email; and by appointment  
Class Days/Time: MW, 3:00pm-4:15pm  
Classroom: DMH 165  
GE/SJSU Studies Category: SJSU Studies Area (V)

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging 
Course materials (the syllabus, quizzes, guidelines for assignments) may be found on the course website on Canvas. You are responsible for regularly checking email for important messages about the class.

Course Description 
Global perspectives on a century of scientific progress that also saw the violent deaths of millions, with emphasis on the decline of traditional imperialism and the ideological contention that led to World War II and the Cold War. GE Area: V Prerequisite: Prior to enrollment, all SJSU Studies courses require completion of core GE, satisfaction of Writing Skills Test and upper division standing. Pre/Co-requisite of a 100W course is strongly recommended for enrollment in Areas R, S, and V.

The 20th century was a time of revolutionary scientific and technological advancement and social change, but it was also a time of extreme violence and ideological contention. This course examines the history of the recently ended century from a global perspective. Key questions in this class include the following: if the 20th c. was so modern, why was it so violent? How have science and technology changed who we are and how we relate to each other? Why do we buy things made in distant places…and so what that we do? How and why have some resisted the promises of modernity? Is globalization really
another example of western imperialism--or are we participating in a new, truly global era?

Focusing on global history in the twentieth century, students will receive an appreciation for human expression in cultures outside the U.S. and an understanding of how that expression has developed over time. Additionally, students will understand how traditions of cultures outside the U.S. have influenced American culture and society.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

SJSU Studies Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this SJSU Studies Area (V) course, students will be able to:

From timed essays on exams and a final comparative essay:

1. Compare systematically ideas, values, images, cultural artifacts, economic structures, technological developments, or attitudes of people from more than one culture outside the U.S (GELO 1);
2. Identify the historical context of ideas and cultural traditions outside the U.S. and how they have influenced American culture. (GELO 2);

From a critical analysis essay:

1. Explain how a culture outside the U.S. has changed in response to internal and external pressures. (GELO 3).

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO’s)

In addition to the above GE Learning Outcomes, upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

Based on discussion and timed exams:

CLO 1: Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of different ideas, cultures, values, religions, institutions, languages and peoples of the world;
CLO 2: Address the civic relevance of topics discussed in class in an appropriate manner;
CLO 3: Demonstrate their ability to articulate and discuss their values and engage in civil discourse;
Based on two essays:
CLO 4: Write evidence-based essays that are grammatical, clear, concise and coherent.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbooks

ALL are available for purchase at the Spartan Bookstore; and ALL are available on one-day course reserve at King Library.


Course Requirements and Assignments

1) **FIRST ESSAY,** **ROUGH DRAFT DUE SEPTEMBER 9; FINAL VERSION DUE SEPTEMBER 16, AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS.** (One page; hardcopy to instructor AND electronic copy submitted on Canvas). (7% of grade). Using *Abina and the Important Men*, explain the verdict in Abina’s case. Examine 1-2 reasons that the case turned out as it did, and connect your findings to one of our course’s key questions. Guidelines will be posted during the first week of school.

2) **QUIZ ON THEME I, SEPTEMBER 9:** Multiple choice and short answer questions on basic information from lectures and reading. (3% of grade).

3) **MID-TERM EXAMS, OCTOBER 9 (20% of grade) AND NOVEMBER 4 (20% of grade), IN CLASS:** multiple choice and short essays covering the theme of the past weeks. A study guide will be posted on-line prior to the start of each theme to guide your reading and help you prepare for the exams. NO NOTES OR BOOKS, BUT YOU MAY BRING 1 LARGE GREEN BOOK. YOU CAN ALSO BRING A PIECE OF NOTEBOOK PAPER (8X11) WITH HANDWRITTEN NOTES ON BOTH SIDES. YOU’LL TURN THAT IN WITH THE EXAM.

4) **FINAL EXAM: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 12:15PM-2:30PM (5% of grade):** multiple choice and short answer on readings, lecture and discussion from Theme IV of the course (covering November 6-December 9). NO NOTES OR BOOKS, BUT YOU MAY BRING 1 LARGE GREEN BOOK. YOU CAN ALSO BRING A PIECE OF NOTEBOOK PAPER (8X11) WITH HANDWRITTEN NOTES ON BOTH SIDES. YOU’LL TURN THAT IN WITH THE EXAM.

5) **FINAL ESSAY: DUE DECEMBER 9, AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS. (5-6 pages; hardcopy to instructor AND electronic copy submitted on Canvas) (20% of grade):** As a final project, you will choose one of the key questions for the class
and answer it using at least three of the sources (texts or films) we’ve used this semester. This essay will be completed at home and turned in on the last day of class. Specific requirements will be provided well in advance of the due date.

6) CLASS PARTICIPATION INCLUDING HOMEWORK (25% of grade): You should come to class having done the assigned reading and even prepared questions of your own. If two chapters are assigned together, you should do all the reading before the first lecture. You should also bring the readings to every class. Even if a class is listed as “lecture,” if time permits we will discuss issues raised in my presentation. Take advantage of opportunities to participate actively in the class. Excellent ways of contributing to the class: listening carefully to others, sharing your ideas, asking questions, responding to others’ thoughts, participating in small group activities.

HOMEWORK: In addition to assigned readings, exams, and essays, you have two other assignments. These two assignments will be wrapped into your participation grade. DUE SEPTEMBER 9: Rough draft of first essay. DUE DECEMBER 4: One page write-up on the travels of something you own. Also, you should be prepared to share your findings with members of the class. Guidelines will be posted well ahead of time.

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Final Examination or Evaluation

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, December 17, 12:15pm-2:30pm (5% of grade): multiple choice and short answer on readings, lecture and discussion from Theme IV of the course (covering November 6 - December 9). NO NOTES OR BOOKS, BUT YOU MAY BRING 1 LARGE GREEN BOOK. YOU CAN ALSO BRING A PIECE OF NOTEBOOK PAPER (8X11) WITH HANDWRITTEN NOTES ON BOTH SIDES. YOU’LL TURN THAT IN WITH THE EXAM.

Grading Information

Determination of Grades

Grades on assignments will be regularly updated on Canvas. You can always email with questions about your current grade.

Letter grades are assigned as follows:
A plus = 97 to 100 points
A = 93 to 96.99 points
A minus = 90 to 92.99 points
B plus = 87 to 89.99 points
B = 83 to 86.99 points
B minus = 80 to 82.99 points
C plus = 77 to 79.99
C = 73 to 76.99 points
C minus = 70 to 72.99 points
D plus = 67 to 69.99
D = 63 to 66.99 points
D minus = 60 to 62.99 points
F = below 60 points

Weighting of Assignments
Quiz: 3%; Exams: 45%; Papers: 27%; Participation: 25%.

Policy on Late Work: Late papers will be marked down 1/3 grade for each day late. For example, a B will be reduced to a B- if turned in one day late. I do not grant extensions except in cases of unforeseeable circumstances. If such circumstances arise, you should contact me immediately.

Classroom Protocol
You are expected to arrive to class on time. Do not use cellphones, texting, or email in class. You may bring food to class.

University Policies
Per University Policy S16-9 (http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf), relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ Syllabus Information web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/”. Make sure to visit this page, review and be familiar with these university policies and resources.

Hist155-02 / Twentieth Century, Fall 2019 Schedule

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice via email and in class.

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<td><strong>Introduction: Making Sense of the World in the Twentieth Century</strong></td>
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| 2    | AUG 28   | (Lecture) Imperialism in the Late 19th Century  
Reading: CON’T READING ABINA  
(optional reading: *World History*, chs. 25-26) |
| 3    | SEPT 2   | LABOR DAY—NO CLASS                     |
| 3    | SEPT 4   | (Discussion) Abina and the Important Men  
Reading: FINISH READING ABINA                  |
| 4    | SEPT 9   | QUIZ ON THEME I; AND DRAFT OF ESSAY 1 DUE  
*Multiple Choice and Short Answer test on material from lecture and details from Abina;  
*Peer review of essay on Abina |
| 4    | SEPT 11  | THEME II: WAR AND PEACE                   |
|      |          | (Lecture) World War I  
Reading: *World History*, Ch. 27              |
| 5    | SEPT 16  | (Lecture) Promising Alternatives After War  
Reading: *World History*, Ch. 28-29            |
|      |          | WRITING ASSIGNMENT #1, DUE SEPT. 16, AT BEGINNING OF CLASS (HARD COPY TURNED IN TO INSTRUCTOR; ELECTRONIC COPY TO CANVAS) (1 page double-spaced).  
How do you explain the verdict in Abina’s case? Examine 1-2 reasons that the case turned out as it did, and connect your findings to one of our course’s key questions.  
Guidelines will be posted at the beginning of the semester. |
| 5    | SEPT 18  | (Lecture) Another World War  
Reading: *World History*, Ch. 31                |
| 6    | SEPT 23  | (Lecture) After WWII: The Cold War and Decolonization  
Reading: *World History*, Chs. 30, 32             |
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<td>(Lecture) After the Cold War: A New Peaceful World Order? AND Discussion of Lives of Others</td>
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<td>Mid-Term Exam (20% of course grade). Bring 1 large green book. You can have an 8 x 11 piece of notebook paper with handwritten notes on both sides. *Multiple Choice on information from lectures, reading and film presented in Theme II (September 11-October 2) *Essay questions on broader themes of course</td>
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*Multiple Choice on information from lectures, reading and film presented in Theme III (Oct. 14-Oct. 30)  
*Essay questions on broader themes of course                                                                                                                                 |
| 12   | NOV 6  | **THEME IV: IT’S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL**  
*(Lecture) Western Science and the World*  
Reading: Start reading *Travels of a T-Shirt* (due Nov. 25)                                                                                                                                 |
| 13   | NOV 11 | VETERAN’S DAY--NO CLASS                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 13   | NOV 13 | *(Lecture) A World of Shoppers?*  
Reading: Continue reading *Travels of a T-Shirt*                                                                                                                                               |
| 14   | NOV 18 | *(Lecture) Humanitarianism: Origins and Issues*  
Reading: Continue reading *Travels of a T-Shirt*                                                                                                                                               |
| 14   | NOV 20 | *(Lecture) The Future of Democracy*  
Reading: Continue reading *Travels of a T-Shirt*                                                                                                                                               |
| 15   | NOV 25 | *(Discussion) Rivoli, *The Travels of a T-Shirt*  
Reading: Finish *The Travels of a T-Shirt*                                                                                                                                                     |
| 15   | NOV 27 | THANKSGIVING—NO CLASS                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15   | DEC 2  | *(Lecture) Testing World Orders: North Korea…*  
No new reading                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 15   | DEC 4  | *(Presentations)—The Travels of your…..?  
HOMEWORK DUE DEC. 4, AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS: A one-page write up on some item you own (guidelines posted at course website).  
Be prepared to share your findings in class.                                                                                                                                               |
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<td><em>DUE IN CLASS AND ON CANVAS:</em> FINAL ESSAY (5-6 pages essay). Choose one of the key questions for the class and answer it using at least three of the sources (texts or films) we’ve used this semester. More details will be provided early in the semester.</td>
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