El Paso Community College  
Syllabus  
Part II  
Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA  
History  

COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER  
HIST 2322

COURSE TITLE  
World History 1500 to Present

COURSE CREDIT HOURS  
3 3 : 0 Credits Lec Lab

I. Catalog Description

Surveys the social, political, economic, cultural, religious, and intellectual history of the world from the 16th century to the present. The course examines major cultural regions of the world in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania and their global interactions over time. Themes include maritime exploration and transoceanic empires, nation-state formation and industrialization, imperialism, global conflicts and resolutions, and global economic integration. The course emphasizes the development, interaction, and impact of global exchange.

Prerequisite: READ 0309 or INRW 0311 or ESOL 0340 or by placement exam or ENGL 1301 with a “C” or better or ENGL1302 with a “C” or better. (3:0).

II. Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Unit One: The Dawn of Globalization (1492-1700)
   1. Discuss the effects of European conquest and colonization, such as the Columbian Exchange, during the Age of Discovery in Africa, Asia, and the Americas.
   2. Describe slavery in Africa and discuss European establishment of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

B. Unit Two: Currents of Change (1520-1850)
   1. Explain the development and impact of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation in Europe.
   2. Discuss the impact of the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment on the world.
   3. Describe the processes of empire building in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas; explain the differences between the imperial systems of overseas empire building and land-based empire building; and compare the various colonial administrations.
   4. Identify the major political revolutions in Europe and the Americas and discuss their central issues and outcomes.
   5. Discuss the rise of nationalism and the consequences.
   6. Explain how the Industrial Revolution and the development of modern capitalism led to unrest and attempts at reform such as Socialism and Marxism.

C. Unit Three: Neo-Imperialism and the Emerging Modern World (1820-1918)
   1. Describe the contribution of European contact to the decline of Asian empires such as the Mughals, China, and the Ottomans.
2. Analyze the impact of formal and informal imperialism by Western nations on Africa, Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific and discuss the factors that enabled neo-imperialism.
3. Explain the rapid modernization of Meiji Restoration Japan and its path to aggressive imperialism.
4. Discuss the First World War and include the events that led to the war and its aftermath.

D. Unit Four: An Age of Anxiety (1919-1990)
1. Describe the socioeconomic conditions that led to the Great Depression and the rise of totalitarianism.
2. Discuss the Second World War, including its causes and outcomes, and its importance in shaping the rest of the 20th century.
3. Discuss decolonization and the major independence movements in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East from World War I to the present.
4. Describe the origins of the Cold War and the ideologies involved in the conflict.
5. Discuss the process of global containment and the impact of nuclear proliferation on geopolitics.

E. Unit Five: Globalization and Its Discontents (1991-present)
1. Discuss the Age of Information and Globalization and the dissemination of culture through global interaction via the Internet, international business, and tourism.
2. Discuss the rise of radicalism in the 21st century, such as terrorism, religious fanaticism, and neo-fascism, and its impact on modern politics.

III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of world history.

IV. Evaluation

A. PREASSESSMENT

Due to the nature of history there is no challenge exam for this course. A reading test can be given to determine preparedness of students. Individual instructors may use a unit pre-assessment at their own discretion. Note will be made of this in the Instructor’s syllabi.

B. POSTASSESSMENT

The instructors will maintain records of each student’s progress. Number and type of exams will be determined by each instructor. Information on this will be in the Instructor’s syllabi.

C. REMEDIATION

Instructors will determine remediation and make-up policies. Note will be made of these policies in the Instructor’s syllabi.

D. GRADING

Grades will be determined by individual instructors based on student performance. Information regarding grading policy will be included in the Instructor’s syllabi.

Revised by Discipline: Fall 2015 (next revision in 3 years)
V. **Disability Statement (Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

VI. **6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.