History 4488: Approaches to World History
Fall 2012
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Objectives:

1) To cultivate a thorough and functional knowledge of World History as a discipline and theoretical orientation.
2) To explore the construction of World Historical arguments and their critical evaluation.
3) To learn to convey such arguments in a classroom setting.

Basis for Final Grades:

You will, in this course, find yourself reading and writing quite a bit. You will take two take-home essay examinations. Each of these will makes up a third of your grade. The final third is represented by a group project which will evaluate your ability to use world historical thinking to work relaying it to others. The course uses a conventional grading scale (detailed below.)

A=89.5 or better
B=79.5 to 89.49
C=69.5 to 79.49
D=59.5 to 69.49
F=59.49 or below

Required Texts:


Academic Integrity Statement:

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials,
misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement.

Attendance Policy:

I will not be taking attendance during the course of the term. Please Note, however, that examinations will draw from both the text and from lectures, and success in the class will likely entail regular attendance and note-taking.

Course Outline:

Week One

Monday, August 20  No class.
Wednesday. August 23 Introductions, Expectations, Outline of the Course

Week Two

Monday, August 27  Opening Chapters of Baudolino.
Wednesday, August 29  Perceptions and perspectives All people like us are we, and everyone else is they” (Rudyard Kipling.) Narratives of “the Other” and World History

Week Three

Readings: Baudolino.
Wednesday, September 5  What history is and why it is important: “History” according to the “Historians”: Historical fiction and history writing. Class book discussion. Themes, GPS and NCSS

Week Four

Readings: Finish Baudolino.
Wednesday, September 10  Truth, Fiction, and Historical Record. Objectives, Collaborative Learning
Wednesday, September 12  Finish Discussion of Baudolino. Begin Examining Marks
Week Five
Monday, September 17 Marks, Chapter 1 *The Material and Trading Worlds*, circa 1400.
Wednesday, September 19 Marks, Chapter 2 (China) Teaching about People, Places, Environments, and Global Connections

Week Six
Readings: *The Origins of the Modern World*, 3 and 4
Monday, September 24 Marks, Chapter 3 (Empire and the “New World) Teaching Emotive and Controversial Topics
Wednesday, September 26 Marks, Chapter 4 (Industrialization).

Week Seven
Readings: *The Origins of the Modern World*, 5 and 6
Monday, October 1 Teaching about Production, Distribution and Consumption, Assessments
Wednesday, October 3 (Tentative) No class.

Week Eight
Readings: *The Origins of the Modern World*, Conclusion
Monday, October 8 1st take-home exam posted online.
Wednesday, October 10 The World at 1000 CE, Introductory Lecture.

Week Nine
Monday, October 15 Collect take-home exam in class.
Wednesday, October 17

Week Ten
Monday, October 22 Lesson Planning
Wednesday, October 24 Lesson Planning
**Week Eleven**

Monday, October 29

Wednesday, October 31

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**Week Twelve**

Monday, November 5

Wednesday, November 7

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**Week Thirteen**

Monday, November 12

Wednesday, November 14

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**Week Fourteen**

Monday, November 19

Wednesday, November 21

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**Week Fifteen**

Monday, November 26 No Class

Wednesday, November 29 Fall Break

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**Week Sixteen**

Monday, November December 3, 2nd take-home posted online.

Wednesday, December 5

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**Week Seventeen**

Monday, December 5 Last Day of Class

Wednesday, December 7 Final Examination 2nd take-home exam collected