History 3305
The World Since 1945

Spring 2009, TTH9:30AM-10:45AM
Social Sciences 3029
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Prerequisite: Hist 1110 (Introduction to World History)

Course Description and Objectives:

This course offers a survey of the major themes and developments in world history during the post-World War II era. In addition to international, political, and economic relations, we will also look at social, cultural, intellectual, environmental, and technological developments from the context of increasing globalization.

The course aims to familiarize students with major primary sources of the post-WWII era and promotes the development of historical analysis skills. A strong emphasis will be placed on strengthening critical thinking skills and students will be expected to develop their own conclusions that they will need to be able to express and defend in a clear and logical manner.

Textbooks:


Other reading materials and supplemental materials will be provided through your instructor’s website, http://ksuweb.kennesaw.edu/~mracel/

Many of the materials provided through the website will require the Adobe Acrobat Reader which can be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com To obtain the password for protected documents, visit WebCT Vista: http://vista.kennesaw.edu/ Only registered students will be able to access the WebCT site.

It is also important in this class (as well as in general) to keep up with world news.

Grading: The following grading system will be used to determine your final grade
A= 90.00% or higher B=89.99-80.00% C=79.99-70.00% D=69.99-60.00% F=Below 60%

Mid- Term EXAM 25%
Final Exam 25%
Research Project 30%
Geography Quizzes 10%
Attendance, participation, quizzes, assignments, etc. 10%
Attendance / Participation / Class Decorum: Class attendance is mandatory. Roll will be taken every class. Students whose unexcused and undocumented absences exceed 6 or more days will automatically fail this course. If you find yourself in a situation that forces you to miss classes, contact your instructor as soon as possible. **If you cannot make a commitment to attend classes regularly, withdraw from this course.** All students are responsible for the material covered in class. If you miss class, the responsibility is on the student to acquire notes etc. from a classmate and **NOT** from the instructor.

In an attempt to create an efficient learning environment, disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated. Some examples of disruptive behaviors include arriving late and/or leaving early, moving around and/or leaving the classroom, talking to your neighbor and the use of cell phones or beepers during lecture (including Text messaging, etc). Please do not come into class if you are more than 10 minutes late. Failure to comply with these requests will not only result in a penalty towards your attendance (e.g. two tardiness / leaving early etc. count as one absence), but may also result in your dismissal from the classroom.

Use of electronic devise is permitted for EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. For example, you may use your laptop computer to take notes, but you are not allowed to play games, chat on line, check email, serf on internet, or any other activities that is not related to class. Please turn off your cell phone, beeper, MP3 player, blackberry, and any other devises that may interrupt lectures or distract you and/or other students. Students not willing to follow the rules will not be allowed to use these devices. Cases in which these devices are needed for emergency communication must be cleared by the instructor beforehand. **No electronic equipment may be visible during exams.**

Quiz Policies:
- Most quizzes are given at the beginning of class. Please be punctual, or you will not be allowed to take the quiz and will receive a grade of zero. If you are late on the quiz day, please wait outside of the classroom until everyone is finished taking the quiz and I will allow you into the class. A quiz will take less than 10 minutes to complete.
- The lowest quiz or assignment grade will be dropped.
- If you miss a quiz due to absence or tardiness, you will receive a grade of zero for that quiz. There will be **no make-up quizzes** since the lowest grade will be dropped. I will make exceptions to this **only if** a student misses more than one quiz, and then **only in officially sanctioned cases as mandated by school rules (taking the Regent Test, etc.).** Illness is not a reason for being allowed to make up a quiz.

Extra Credit: There is NONE. Don’t ask for it. Do a quality work in the first place.

Withdrawal: March 6, 2009 is the last day students can withdraw from this course without academic penalty. Failure to officially withdraw from the class will results in receiving “F” for the course grade.

Contacting the Instructor: The best way to contact your instructor is through e-mail ksuhistory@hotmail.com. Do not use WEB CT email. Please include your full name and the class you are enrolled (such as HIST 3305: TTH 9:30AM). DO NOT send any attachments. All correspondence must be included in the text of the email. DO NOT CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AT PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNLESS GIVEN SPECIFIC PERMISSION TO DO SO BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to be familiar and to comply with the regulations regarding academic honesty as described in the Kennesaw State University Catalog.

(Excerpt from Catalog)
II. Academic Honesty
The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of these high standards is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it. Any student found guilty of an infraction of a regulation for academic honesty shall be suspended for at least one semester unless evidence is provided to convince the court that substantial mitigating circumstances existed in that student's offense. The following regulations are designed to assist students in developing appropriate standards and attitudes with respect to academic honesty. To this end, the regulations protect students against infractions that may compromise the validity of their degree or place them at an undue disadvantage with respect to the equity of their grades.

A. Plagiarism and Cheating
No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.) When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated; when the language, ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged.

B. Unauthorized Access to Official University Materials
No student shall take or attempt to take, steal, or in an unauthorized manner otherwise procure, gain access to, alter or destroy any material pertaining to the conduct of a class (including tests, examinations, grade change forms, grade rolls, roll books, laboratory equipment, university grade records in written or computerized form, etc.).

C. Misrepresentation, Falsification of University Records or Academic Work
No student shall knowingly provide false information in completing university forms or applications (including admissions forms, scholarship applications, time sheets, use of false or counterfeit transcripts, etc.) or in any work submitted for credit as part of a course.

D. Malicious Removal, Retention, or Destruction of Library Materials
No student shall misplace, take, or destroy or attempt to misplace, take or destroy any item or part of an item belonging to or in the protection of the university library with the intention of bringing about an undue disadvantage in the classroom work of other Kennesaw State University students.

E. Malicious/Intentional Misuse of Computer Facilities and/or Services
The malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and services is prohibited. Violation of state and federal laws (including copyright violations, unauthorized access or systems, alteration/damage/ destruction, or attempted alteration/damage/destruction, use for profit, etc.) or a department's rules for computer usage (including account violations, damage or destruction of the system and/or its performance, unauthorized copying of electronic information, use of threatening or obscene language, etc.) is prohibited. (See Academic Computing User Policies in the Academic Services and Policies section of the undergraduate catalog).

F. Student Identification Cards
1. Lending, selling, or otherwise transferring a student identification card is prohibited, as is the use of an identification card by anyone other than its original holder.
2. No student shall obtain under false pretenses any additional student identification cards.
3. A student must present proper credentials to properly identified university faculty and staff upon their request while these persons are in the performance of their duties.
Students found violating any of these policies (especially plagiarism and cheating) **WILL AUTOMATICALLY FAIL** this course and be turned over to the appropriate school authorities for further prosecution. There will be no exceptions. **If you need help in adding citations, speak to your instructor about the proper way to document your work.**

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Tentative Reading /Lecture Schedule

- The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule.
- Special topics may be covered anytime at the instructor’s discretion.
- In case of inclement weather, check the KSU website http://www.kennesaw.edu/ under “Campus Advisories” for the school’s status. If the school closes, all scheduled events will be automatically moved to the next class meeting. For example, if the school closes on the day an exam was scheduled, then the exam will be held when the class meets next.

UNIT 1: c.1945-1970
Lesson 1: Introduction: “Isms”
Lesson 2: From WWII to the Cold War (to. c. 1952)
Lesson 3: Asia to c. 1952
Lesson 4: US and Western Europe (to c. 1952)
Lesson 5: Eastern Bloc (USSR under Stalin and Khrushchev, and China under Mao Zedong)
Lesson 6: US, Latin America and the Cold War (under Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson)
Lesson 7: Decolonization in Africa
Mid Term Exam: Feb 26
The last day to withdraw without Penalty: March 6.

UNIT 2: Mostly c. 1970 to Present
Lesson 8: Social Movements / Riots in 1968
Lesson 9: Détente (Nixon-Carter)
Lesson 10: The Middle East, Part I (to c. 1980)
Lesson 12: Resurgence of Nationalism (Balkan, Caucasus, etc.)
Lesson 13: Middle East, Part II (1980s to Present)
Lesson 14: Global Economy, Technology and Environment.
Final Exam: May 5.
Statement of Acknowledgment and Understanding

I have read and understand all the rules and conditions presented in this document. I further understand that it is my responsibility to read the entire document and ask questions of the instructor to clarify any points that I do not understand or that are not clear upon reading. Once this statement has been signed and returned to the instructor it is implied that I understand the contents as they appear and are interpreted by the Instructor, and thus waive any opportunity to ask for clarification or challenge anything presented in the proceeding pages of this document. Interpretation of the contents is solely up to the instructor and is not open to debate at any time with the student. My signature on this document is required in order to qualify to take any exam in this course. Failure to return a signed and unaltered copy of this document to the instructor before the first exam will result in the Instructor’s refusal to allow me to take the exam.

I have read all of the items contained in the entire syllabus and have asked for clarification from the Instructor on any points upon which I needed further clarification.

Printed Name: ______________________________

Signature: ______________________________

Date: __________