History 3305
The World Since 1945

Spring 2012, MW 5:00-6:15PM
Social Sciences 3010
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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 35%
Quizzes and assignments 15%

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 during lecture (including Text messaging, etc). If you are more than 30 minutes late, don't dare to ask to sign the class roll: you are considered absent. 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.

**IMPORTANT Notice:** Use of any personal electronic devises, including laptop computers, iPods, MP3 players, cell phones, blackberries, are **NOT permitted in the classroom.** These devices have shown themselves to be sources of distraction and disruption of the class time. Failure to turn off these devices will result in a reduction of the student’s final grade by 5% for each interruption. In cases where there is a legitimate need for one of these devices, they may be approved by the instructor after a formal request that must include appropriate documentation for why the device is needed. After a review of the request, the instructor may grant permission to use the needed device.

**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 12, 2012 is the last day students can withdraw from this course without academic penalty. Failure to officially withdraw from the class will result in receiving “F” for the course grade.

**Contacting the Instructor:** The best way to contact your instructor is through e-mail [ksuhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:ksuhistory@hotmail.com). Do not use WEB CT email. Please include **your full name and the class you are enrolled** (such as HIST 3305: MW5:00PM). 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.

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 (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior that a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the 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. No student may submit the
same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

(from Section II-A of the KSU Student Code of Conduct, as modified for Fall semester 2011)

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: February 29, 2012
The last day to withdraw without Penalty: March 12

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 7, 2012 (6:00-8:00PM)
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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: ____________