POLS 217: DIPLOMATIC HISTORY - FALL 2019

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Overview:

* This course will cover political, economic, social, religious, intellectual, cultural and military history integrated into chronologically ordered synthesis to help you gain an appreciation and understanding of the distinctive character and development of the individual cultures in society.
* The course will cover the period 1789-1945.

Student Requirements:

* Attendance is required.
* Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and watch the assigned short videos in advance. Turn on the subtitles or closed caption (cc) for better comprehension.
* There will be a midterm and a final examination. A partial list of the final questions will be provided in advance.

Grading Policy:

* Final exam: 45%
* Midterm: 25%
* Quizzes: 20%
* Attendance: 10%

Textbook:

* Cengage Learning: William Duiker and Jackson Spielvogel*, The Essential World History, Vol. II: Since 1500*, 9th Edition, 2019.

Weekly Schedule & Readings:

* *September 19*: The West on the eve of a new world order
* Intellectual Revolution in the West
* Scientific Revolution
* Background to Enlightenment
* Economic Changes and Social Order

Read: Chapter 18, pp. 442-467

Watch: French Revolution:

<https://youtu.be/lTTvKwCylFYlist=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

Marie Antoinette:

<https://youtu.be/VO9He_KhGy4>

* *September 24, 26*: Colonial Empires & Revolution
* Latin America
* British North America
* Prussia, Austria, Russia
* French Revolution, Age of Napoleon

Read: Chapter 19, pp. 472-496

Watch: Industrial Revolution

<https://youtu.be/zhL5DCizj5c?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

Emile Durkheim on Suicide & Society:

<https://youtu.be/IZfGGF-YYzY>

* *October 1, 3*: Modernization, Industrialization and Nationalism in the 19th century.
* Industrial Revolution and its impact
* Women and work
* Organizing Working Classes
* Growth of nationalism
* Conservative Order
* Forces for Change
* Revolutions of 1848
* Nationalism in the Balkans

Watch: Imperialism

<https://youtu.be/alJaltUmrGo?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

Rise of Russia and Prussia:

<https://youtu.be/FBzRaxLdjZE?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMsMTfmRomkVQG8AqrAmJFX>

* *October 8, 10:* National unification and the National State
* Unification of Italy
* Unification of Germany
* European national states at mid-century
* Europe 1871-1914
* Western Europe: Growth of political democracy
* Central & Eastern Europe: Old order

Read: Chapter 20, pp. 498-522

Watch: Capitalism and Socialism

<https://youtu.be/B3u4EFTwprM?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

Karl Marx & Conflict Theory:

<https://youtu.be/gR3igiwaeyc>

* *October 15, 17*: The Americas and society and culture in the West.

Latin America in the 19th and 20th centuries

Wars of independence and nation building

Tradition and change in economy and society

The United States and Canada

Watch: The American Revolution

<https://youtu.be/HlUiSBXQHCw?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

War and Nation Building in Latin America:

<https://youtu.be/v6xi8_7Fy6Y>

*October 22, 24*: Emergence of mass society

* New urban environment
* Social structure of mass society
* Cultural life: Romanticism and realism in Western World
* Intellectual and cultural development
* Freud & Psychoanalysis
* Darwin’s impact: Social Darwinism and Racism

Read: Ch. 21, pp. 524-548

Watch: Psychotherapy, Freud

<https://youtu.be/mQaqXK7z9LM>

Social Darwinism & Origins of WWI:

<https://youtu.be/9n900e80R30>

*October 31*: Colonialism & Imperialism

* Philosophy, motives and tactics of colonialism
* India under Britain
* White man’s burden, black man’s sorrow
* Colonial regimes in Southeast Asia
* Imperialism and slavery in Africa
* Anticolonialism and resistance

Read: Ch. 22, pp. 550-572

Watch: Samurai, Daimyo, Matthew Perry & Nationalism

<https://youtu.be/Nosq94oCl_M?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

Asian Responses to Imperialism:

<https://youtu.be/nxmWfbXS4Pw>

* *November 5, 7*: East Asia, Challenge and Transition
* Decline of the Manchus
* Opium and rebellion
* Chinese society in transition
* Obstacles to modernization

Watch: Rethinking Civilization:

<https://youtu.be/wyzi9GNZFMU>

Opium Wars:

<https://youtu.be/PMgjDUt-2f8>

* *Nov. 12, 14*: Rise of Modern Japan
* End to isolation
* Changing Japanese culture
* Meiji restoration: Revolution from above
* Joining the imperialist club

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Read: Ch. 23, pp. 575-598

Meiji Japan: Reforming a Nation through Western Development:

<https://youtu.be/nPhi7mZmsSY>

Karl Marx, Political Theory:

<https://youtu.be/fSQgCy_iIcc>

* *November 19, 21:* 20th Century: War and Revolution
* Road to WW I: Nationalism and Militarism
* The Great War and its impact
* Home front

Watch: China’s Revolutions:

<https://youtu.be/UUCEeC4f6ts?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

WWI:

<https://youtu.be/_XPZQ0LAlR4?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

* *November 26, 28*: Russian Revolution & Uncertain Peace
* The Russian Revolution
* Peace settlement
* Search for security
* Great Depression
* Cultural & intellectual trends

Read: Ch. 24, pp. 600-624

Watch: The Russian Revolution 1917:

<https://youtu.be/cV9G1QUIm7w>

The Great Depression:

<https://youtu.be/GCQfMWAikyU>

* *December 3, 5*: Interwar Years: 1919-1939 in Asia, Middle East & Latin America
* Rise of Nationalism
* Gandhi & Indian resistance
* Nationalist revolt in Middle East
* Revolution & cultural change in China
* Japanese experiment in democracy

Read: Ch. 25, pp. 626-649

Watch: Fascism Explained:

<https://youtu.be/tQlMtoDp8ks>

Mohandas Gandhi: A Catalyst for Change:

<https://youtu.be/N1pOKoUMz7s>

* *December 10, 12*: Path to WWII
* Nationalism & dictatorship in Latin America
* Effects of dependence & Latin American culture
* Retreat from democracy in Europe: Fascism & Nazism
* Stalinism & Japanese militarism
* Europe at war

Watch: The Incredible Turk:

<https://youtu.be/gGLDeT2MFlA>

WWII:

<https://youtu.be/Q78COTwT7nE?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

* *December 17:* WWII & Aftermath
* Japan at war
* Turning point 1942
* The Home Front
* Costs of War
* Decolonization
* Allied War Conferences

Watch:

Home Front WWII:

<https://youtu.be/HofnGQwPgqs>

The Yalta Conference Explained:

<https://youtu.be/R5ZdgjY8I7E>

Final Examination TBA