

World Civilization II

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3 Credits, Online

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Office hours: By appointment. Please note: I will be online at various times almost every day of the week: Monday through Friday, and occasionally on Saturday and Sunday; thus if you are encountering issues within the course I will make every effort to be available to provide you with support and assistance.

Course Description

The course covers the history of world civilization from the maritime revolution of the late fifteenth century through the post-Cold War era of the early twenty-first century. Among the topics covered will be the rise of the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal Empires in Southwest Asia, the modernization of Northern Eurasia, the three most significant revolutions of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Age of Imperialism, the collapse of the Old Order, the push for independence in the Third World, and decolonization.

Purpose

This course reveals the path, the perils, and promises of a twenty-first century global community that began with the age of European expansion.

Attendance Policy

There is no actual attendance policy for this online course. However, if you start having difficulty hitting the deadlines, and fall behind in your work, "attendance" may be the issue: i.e. not checking in to the web site or "attending" to the work on

a daily basis. Thus, it is important to point out the deleterious impact that postponing your work can have on your grade by the time we come to the end of the semester. So please, put forth the most consistent and best effort you can and "attendance" will not become an issue.

Blackboard Vista

Of course, Blackboard Vista 8.0 will be the vehicle we will use to communicate throughout the course. In here you will find announcements, assignments, web links, assessments, the syllabus (which if you are reading this you will have already discovered), a media library, e-mail, and grades; I don't think I have left anything out. **However, it is very important that everyone understand that the e-mail I will use for this course will be found here in the course shell.** Some of you have already forwarded an outside e-mail account to me indicating that it is your "preferred" e-mail address. I will remain steadfast in using the course e-mail **only**, so it is imperative that you check this web site daily for any correspondences from either me or any classmates. If you would like to have your e-mail in the course forwarded to you at your preferred e-mail account, you can do this by adjusting your My Settings link on your My Blackboard homepage (located at the top right of the screen). If you are uncomfortable with tinkering inside Blackboard Vista please contact me and I will help to navigate you through the steps on how to adjust the mail forwarding feature.

Students with Disabilities

If you need academic accommodations you should contact me as soon as possible, and I will direct you to the appropriate people to help you determine the proper academic plan.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a violation of the proper code of conduct in the world of learning. Academicians and institutions of learning, especially **TRCC, have a strict policy towards anyone that plagiarizes.** If you are uncertain about the meaning and implied use of this term, please contact me for clarification. Do not plagiarize, please.

Required Text

The Earth and Its Peoples: A Global History, Volume II: Since 1500, Fifth Edition. Bulliet, Crossley, et al. (means "and others") Wadsworth, Cengage Learning. Boston, 2011.

Additional readings will be assigned and you will be able to access them through the Calendar in Blackboard Vista.

Course Outline

Although the list of required text book readings and a general outline of when the assignments are due is presented below, it is very important to understand that **the specific daily assignments and submission dates are listed on the Calendar**. Every assignment is listed on the **Calendar**, and links provide easy access to all worksheets, review exercises, journal assignments, quizzes, and tests. Additionally, the **Calendar** serves as a guideline for the reading assignments in the sense that it will break down the reading into smaller segments. It is designed to **serve as a guide only**. Each of you can arrange your schedules to complete the readings at your own convenience. However, the submission dates are accurate, and material is penalized if it is late.

Late Work Policy

I will break down the course into three segments. Each two-week period will serve as a segment and Test[1], Test[2], and Test[3] will serve as the closing date for each third of the course. The late policy is very simple. If you miss the assigned due date, but complete the assignment before the end of the segment, you will NOT lose any points off the grade. If you hand in material sometime in the middle of the next segment, you will lose ten points, and if you hand in material from the first segment during the third segment you will lose twenty points.

There is **no late date** for **TESTS**. If you miss any of the **three tests, you will receive a zero**. However, I do understand that unusual and unforeseen circumstances do occur. If you are confronted by such situations, please feel free to speak with me before the test date.

The **absolute deadline** for any late work is July 5, 2010 because I will need the time to correct the submissions and meet my deadline for submitting grades. Thus, any outstanding material not submitted by midnight, on Monday, July 5, 2010 will receive a zero.

Assessments

There will be **three tests, sixteen quizzes, sixteen review, reading, or map exercises,** and **journal or internet entries** throughout the six-week semester.

Each test is a combination of multiple-choice type questions and essays (see the calendar for the specific due dates). The **tests are open book, but they are timed**. Failure to complete a test by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above).

The quizzes are required to be completed roughly once every other day (see the calendar for the specific due dates). The quizzes consist of ten to fifteen multiple-choice questions and assess the assigned reading for the class. These **quizzes are open book**, but they, like the tests, are *limited by time*. Additionally, failure to complete a quiz by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above).

The reading worksheets consist of a series of short-answer questions designed to highlight the major themes and events from your reading in the text book. However, they are to serve as a study guide only. You may employ the Worksheets in any way that you might find helpful for you. They will not be graded. They can be found on the Content Page.

The review, reading, or map exercises are designed to serve as a quick way to review the reading, supplement the reading, or better understand the geography of the regions we are studying. Very often the Reviews consist of roughly ten fill-in-the-blank questions, or some matching-style questions, or a crossword puzzle, and offer you an opportunity to reinforce your understanding of the material in the text (see the calendar for the specific due dates). You may **use your book to complete either the Review or Map exercises**. Again, failure to complete a review exercise by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above).

Finally, journal or internet entries consist of responses to a variety of supplemental materials or websites. Among the offerings, but not limited to these, are articles, documents, paintings, cartoons, or film segments (see the calendar for the specific assignments and due dates). Again, failure to complete a written entry by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above). Journal or internet entries will not begin until later in the semester.

- **Test[1]** is worth 15%. (Multiple choice and three essays: choose one)
- **Test[2]** is worth 15%. (Multiple choice and four essays: choose two)
- **Test[3]** (Final Exam) is worth 20%. (Multiple choice and five essays: one required; choose two from the remaining four)
- All **Quizzes** are worth 15%.
- The **Review** Exercises are worth 15%.
- The **Journal** Entries are worth 20%.

Daily Assignments

Finally, there may be changes to the course outline and assignments as we move through the semester. All the changes and submission dates will be announced in a timely fashion.

Monday, May 24, 2010	Read Chapter 16: Review016 and Quiz016 are available via the Calendar.
Tuesday, May 25, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review016, and Quiz016.
Wednesday, May 26, 2010	Read Chapter 17: Review017 and Quiz017 are available via the Calendar.
Thursday, May 27, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review017, and Quiz017.
Friday, May 28, 2010	Read Chapter 18: Review018 and Quiz018 are available via the Calendar.
Saturday, May 29, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review018, and Quiz018.
Sunday, May 30, 2010	Read Chapter 19: Review019 and Quiz019 are available via the Calendar.
Monday, May 31, 2010 -	Catch-up, Move on, or Relax!

Memorial Day	
Tuesday, June 1, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review019, and Quiz019.
Wednesday, June 2, 2010	Read Chapter 20: Review020 and Quiz020 are available via the Calendar.
Thursday, June 3, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review020, and Quiz020.
Friday, June 4, 2010	Read Chapter 21: Review021 and Quiz021 are available via the Calendar.
Saturday, June 5, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review021, and Quiz021.
Sunday, June 6, 2010	Read Chapter 22: Review022 and Quiz022 are available via the Calendar.
Monday, June 7, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review022, and Quiz022. TEST[1] is available at 6:00 p.m. Open Book: Covering Chapters 16 - 22.
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	TEST[1] is still available. Open Book: Covering Chapters 16 - 22.
Wednesday, June 9, 2010	<u>Due</u> : TEST[1] Open Book: Covering Chapters 16 - 22.
Thursday, June 10, 2010	Read Chapter 23: Review023, Quiz023 and Journal023 are available.
Friday, June 11, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review023, Quiz023 and Journal023.
Saturday, June 12, 2010	Read Chapter 24: Review024, Quiz024 and Journal024 are available.
Sunday, June 13, 2010	<u>Due</u> : Review024, Quiz024 and Journal024.
Monday, June 14, 2010	Read selected pages in Chapter 25: Review025026, Quiz025026 and Journal025026 are available.
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Read selected pages in Chapter 26: <u>Due</u> : Review025026, Quiz025026 and Journal025026.
Wednesday, June 16, 2010	Read selected pages in Chapter 27:

	Review027028, Quiz027028 and Journal027028 are available.
Thursday, June 17, 2010	Read selected pages in Chapter 28: <u>Due:</u> Review027028, Quiz027028 and Journal027028.
Friday, June 18, 2010	Read Chapter 29: Review029, Quiz029 and Journal029 are available.
Saturday, June 19, 2010	<u>Due:</u> Review029, Quiz029 and Journal029.
Sunday, June 20, 2010	Catch-up, Move on, or Relax!
Monday, June 21, 2010	TEST[2] is available at 6:00 p.m. Open Book: Covering Chapters 23 - 29.
Tuesday, June 22, 2010	TEST[2] is still available. Open Book: Covering Chapters 23 - 29.
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	<u>Due:</u> TEST[2] Open Book: Covering Chapters 23 - 29.
Thursday, June 24, 2010	Read Chapter 30: Review030, Quiz030 and Journal030 are available.
Friday, June 25, 2010	<u>Due:</u> Review030, Quiz030 and Journal030.
Saturday, June 26, 2010	Read Chapter 31: Review031, Quiz031 and Journal031 are available.
Sunday, June 27, 2010	<u>Due:</u> Review031, Quiz031 and Journal031.
Monday, June 28, 2010	Read Chapter 32: Review032 and Quiz032 are available.
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	<u>Due:</u> Review032, and Quiz032.
Wednesday, June 30, 2010	Read selected pages in Chapter 33: Review033034 and Quiz033034 are available.
Thursday, July 1, 2010	<u>Due:</u> Review033034, and Quiz033034.
Friday, July 2, 2010	Catch-up, Move on, or Relax!
Saturday, July 3, 2010	TEST[3] is available at 12:00 a.m. Open Book: Covering Chapters 30 - 34.
Sunday, July 4, 2010	Independence Day

Monday, July 5, 2010	Deadline for late work! TEST[3] is available. Open Book: Covering Chapters 30 - 34.
Tuesday, July 6, 2010	<u>Due:</u> TEST[3] Open Book: Covering Chapters 30 - 34.
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	End of Semester
	Grades submitted to banner.