

**MIDSTATE COLLEGE**  
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**Winter 2018**

Course Number & Name: HIS 300—Contemporary World History

Credit Hours: 4 quarter hours

Method of Delivery: eLearning

Course Description:

A study of the important events around the world since World War II and how these events are linked in a global framework. Common problems of today and possible future issues are also examined.

Prerequisite: None

Text: *The World in the Twentieth Century: From Empires to Nations 7<sup>th</sup> Edition*

Author: Daniel R. Bower & Thomas Sanders

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Topics: World War II, Cold War, Postwar World, New Millennium

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Outline the important events of the Cold War era.
2. Appraise the rise and fall of communism in the Soviet bloc.
3. Interpret postwar changes throughout the world.
4. Compare current problems affecting populations around the globe.
5. Generate alternate prospects for future generations.

Midstate Grading Scale:

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
0 - 59	F

Midstate Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism is using another person's words without giving credit to the author. Original speeches, publications, and artistic creations are sources for research. If students use the author's words in a paper or assignment, they must acknowledge the source. Plagiarism is strictly against the academic policy of the college and is grounds for failing the course. If repeated, plagiarism may result in suspension from the college. (See the Midstate College catalog and/or Student Handbook for additional information.)

In courses containing writing assignments, the college promotes the use of an electronic resource which compares the student's writing against previously submitted papers, journals, periodicals, books, and web pages. Students and instructors can use this service to reduce the incidence of plagiarism. This electronic resource has been found to conform to legal requirements for fair use and student confidentiality. It is able to provide a report to the student indicating the parts of the assignment that match.

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Participation Requirements:

I must have contact with you each week, or you will be considered absent for that week.

Policies and Procedures:

It is important that I receive your assignments and quizzes when due; late quizzes and assignments will be given a ten-percent penalty. I will also check that you have participated in the class discussion and posted a summary each week.

LATE WORK POLICY

You are expected to submit all assignments and projects by the due dates published in the course syllabus. In general, **there is a 10 percent (10%) penalty for each week that an assignment is late.** For example, if your assignment is due on Tuesday and you submit it on Wednesday, **the highest possible grade you can earn is a B.** If you submit it one week later, the highest possible grade is a C and so forth (10% off each week up to three weeks). **Assignments may be submitted no more than two weeks late without prior approval from your professor.**

No late work will be accepted after the end of term without an Incomplete Grade approval. Certain course activities may **not be eligible for submission after the conclusion of the week** or unit. These include, but are not limited to, discussion boards, seminars, quizzes, and exams.

If an assignment has more than one part to it, and if you submit a section/part of that assignment after the deadline, it will not be accepted. Assignments (even if submitted late) **MUST** be submitted in their entirety. Remember, when you submit something to the drop box it is assumed it is complete and ready to be graded (whether it is in more than one part or not)

Methods of Evaluating Student Performance:

The course will have a Research Paper, quiz after each section and a final exam at the end of the quarter. There will also be weekly assignments. In addition, you will be required to participate in discussion question forums and weekly summaries. Remember to check course lectures and other information which will be posted.

Examination Information:

There will be eight (8) quizzes and a final exam.

Grade Determination:

Weekly Assignments (10)	20%
Quizzes (8)	20%
Research Paper (1)	25%
Final Exam	20%
Discussion Questions & Weekly Summaries	15%

### Weekly Summary and Discussion:

You are required to participate in a class discussion each week starting with Week 1 and continuing through Week 11. You will respond to questions and comments from your instructor and other students enrolled in the class. The discussion question will be posted at the beginning of each week.

You are required to post weekly summaries for everyone to read and reply to. These summaries should include your comments and questions about the week's assignments and readings. Let the class know your reaction to that week's material. Your class discussion comments are graded and weekly summaries are not graded.

### Discussion Requirements and Guidelines:

Discussion responses should be on topic, original, and contribute to the quality of the discussion by making frequent informed references to lesson materials. Initial discussion responses should be around 150–200 words. Responses to your classmates or instructor do not need to be that long, but should be substantial (approximately 50-75 words), go beyond mere affirmation, and serve to further conversation. Must include 1-2 sources properly cited using APA Style.

To be considered for full credit, at least two or more responses to classmates that are thoughtful and advance the discussion should be made.

When you are ready to post to the Discussion Board, respond to the questions. Your responses should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.). Your writing should be well ordered, logical, and unified, as well as original and insightful. Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics. All references used should be cited and in APA style.

### Research Paper Requirements:

You will pursue an independent research project throughout this course culminating in a final project research paper of high quality focused on making an original argument/interpretation as it relates to the historiography of your chosen topic. The project is divided into 4 milestones, which will be submitted at various points throughout the course. These milestones will be submitted in Week 2, Week 4, Week 6 and Week 11.

#### **The Draft Format:**

The paper will be no less than 12 and more than 15 pages in length. It should be completed in accordance with the following: Double-spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman or Arial font; standard one-inch margins; page numbers in the upper right corner (you should number the first page but not the title page). The paper must conform to The APA of Style with footnotes only (NO endnotes or parenthetical citation). The paper must also include a "works cited" page. Neither the works cited nor the title page apply toward the overall length of the paper.

#### **Milestones Due Dates:**

Week 2: Topic Selection is due

Week 4: Literary Review is due

Week 6: Rough Draft of Research Paper is due.

Week 11: Final Draft of Research Paper is due.

# COURSE OUTLINE

## **Week 1 Nations versus Empires in Asia: Turkey, India, China, 1918-1941**

### Objective

The Forging of the Turkish; British India and Indian Nationalism, Civil War and Foreign War in China.

### Assignments

1. Introduce Yourself
2. Take the Pretest
3. Read Chapter 4
4. Do Assignment.
5. Weekly Discussion Question
6. Weekly Summary
7. Review Research Paper Requirements

## **Week 2 Despotism Empires of 1930's**

### Objective

Review World War II era.

### Assignments

1. Read Chapter 5
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz.
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary
6. Research Topic Due

## **Week 3 The Last World War, 1939-1945**

### Objective

Review World War II era continued.

### Assignments

1. Read pages Chapter 6
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz.
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary

## **Week 4 Cold War & West**

### Objective

Outline the important events of the Cold War era.

### Assignments

1. Read Chapter 7 in the textbook.
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary
6. Literary Review due

## **Week 5 Cold War and Revolutions in East Asia**

### **Objective**

Appraise the rise and fall of communism in the Soviet bloc.

### **Assignments**

1. Read Chapter 8 in the textbook.
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary

## **Week 6 The Resurgence of China and Japan, 1950–2010**

### **Objective**

Revolution to Riches in Communist China and Japan's Recovery from Defeat

### **Assignments**

1. Read Chapter 9
2. Do Assignment.
3. Weekly Discussion Question
4. Weekly Summary
5. Rough Draft Research Paper due

## **Week 7 New Nations in South Asia**

### **Objective**

The New Island Republics

### **Assignments**

1. Read Chapter 10
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary

## **Week 8 Africa and Latin America in the Third World**

### **Objective**

Africa's Liberation from Colonialism; Latin America in the Cold War, and Democracy in Latin America

## Assignments

1. Read Chapter 11
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary

### **Week 9 Nations at War in the Middle East**

#### Objective

Israel and the Middle East, War, Peace and Islam

#### Assignments

1. Read Chapter 12.
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary

### **Week 10 The West from Cold War to European Union**

#### Objective

The New Industrial Revolution; European Nations and European Union; The Fall of the Soviet Empire

#### Assignments

1. Read Chapter 13
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary

### **Week 11 Local Wars, Global Economy**

#### Objective

The Emergence of the Global Economy; Local Wars & Peacekeeping, Terrorism and Local Wars.

#### Assignments

1. Read Chapter 14.
2. Do Assignment.
3. Take Quiz
4. Weekly Discussion Question
5. Weekly Summary
6. Final Draft-Research Paper Due

### **Week 12 Finals Week**

1. Final Exam