Outline: This survey course will cover major themes and events in World History from 1750 to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the American and French revolution, the Atlantic slave trade, the Industrial Revolution, imperialism and colonialism, and 20th Century nationalist movements and revolutions (transferable to UC/CSU).

Structure: A typical class will feature a short background lecture followed by small group discussions of a historical question or problem. Students will be asked to “do” history by analyzing primary source documents and discussing them with their groups. Film clips will also be used when appropriate.


Evaluations: There will be 4 exams in this class. Each exam will be worth 20% of your grade. The final is NOT cumulative. In order to be successful in this class, it is very important to keep up with the reading assignments, come to class prepared, and participate in group discussions. Tests will be a combination of identification, multiple-choice, and essay questions.

Homework: There will be weekly homework questions derived from the text. Due to the wide scope of the class, it is important to keep up with the readings. Therefore, your homework assignments will be 20% of your grade. I will accept homework one week late for ½ credit. I will not accept homework that is two weeks (or more) late.

Absences: Since the essay questions on the tests are taken directly from class discussions, missing a class puts you at a great disadvantage. If you miss more than two (2) class meetings, you may be dropped from this class. IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFICIALLY DROP A CLASS WITH ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS.

Make-up Exams: Only allowed in the event of a true emergency. You must leave me a message BEFORE the exam and schedule a make-up within the week at a mutually convenient time.

Academic Dishonesty policy: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating, including copying someone else’s exam, letting someone else copy your exam, communicating with a fellow student during exam, bringing unauthorized notes or cheat sheets all constitute cheating. In the instance of cheating, your exam will be confiscated, and you will receive a failing grade for the test.