

SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 3304

EUROPE: 1655-1870

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

In this course, a primary student learning outcome will be for students to learn to analyze the importance of cause and effect in an historical context. A second student learning outcome will be for students to demonstrate an understanding of historiography. By gaining an understanding of these student learning objectives, students will acquire the marketable skill listed below.

SLO—The history student will demonstrate the ability to write about topics in historiography and how those topics are interpreted.

Marketable skills---Students can utilize data to persuade various audiences.

Students can utilize data to generate and strengthen ideas.

Students can decipher stances adopted by various individuals.

SLO—The history student will demonstrate knowledge of American History, World History, and Non-American History.

Marketable Skills---Students can meet deadlines in a successful manner.

Students can discharge responsibilities in an adequate manner.

Students can manage the absorption of data.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

I am Dr. Jorge A. Hernandez, and this is History 3304. The textbook for this course is *A HISTORY OF THE MODERN WORLD TO 1815* by R.R.Palmer. This textbook will be extremely helpful to students because the author provides a detailed discussion of European civilization. This course will begin with a brief discussion of the ancient and medieval worlds. Next, students will turn their attention to the last medieval centuries, the Renaissance, and Reformation. The third subject matter will cover discussions of the Portuguese and Spanish Empires, the Commercial Revolution, and the events that will eventually cause the Thirty Years' War. Students will also examine events in Great Britain during the seventeenth century and the reign of Louis XIV of France. They will also become familiar with the weakening of the Holy Roman Empire, the Ottoman Empire, and The Republic of Poland, events that engendered the emergence of Prussia, Russia, and Austria.

The assessments for this class will include six multiple choice exams that will count for 75% of the final grade. Students will also be required to perform 10 presentations that will count for 25% of the final grade.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

In this course the student will briefly examine Europe's medieval history, both the early centuries after the collapse of the Roman empire and the later ones that witnessed the emergence of a new European civilization.

The student will also cover the events known as the Renaissance and the Reformation.

The student will also become familiar with the commercial changes that occurred in Europe and the so called wars of religion that transpired during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

The student will also study the reign of Louis XIV.

The student will also analyze the emergence of Prussia, Russia, and Austria, along with the wars of the eighteenth century.

TO ACHIEVE THESE LEARNING OBJECTIVES, STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO READ THEIR TEXTBOOK.

TEXTBOOKS AND EXAMS:

The textbook needed for this course is [A History of the Modern World to 1815](#) (10th edition) by R. R. Palmer (ISBN 978-0073255026). Material from this book will appear in exams. STUDENTS MUST CAREFULLY READ THE ASSIGNMENTS IN THIS BOOK TO ENSURE A PASSING GRADE

STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE EACH EXAM TWICE, AND BLACKBOARD WILL RECORD THE HIGHEST GRADE OF THE TWO ATTEMPTS. BOTH ATTEMPTS MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE SAME DAY THAT EXAM IS POSTED.

The student will prove their mastery of the material learned in the textbook by taking six exams during the semester. The exams will consist of only multiple choice questions, thirty-six questions per exam. Each of the exams will be worth one hundred points. The final exam will not be comprehensive but will incorporate only the material assigned in the last reading assignment. Makeup exams will be allowed only under extraordinary circumstances. Exams will be posted sometime in the morning of the due date and will stay posted until 8:00 p.m.

Students will also perform nine presentations, each of which will count for twenty points for a total of 180 points.

Therefore, the exams and the study guides will amount to 780 points and the grade earned by the student will be equivalent to the percentage of this total as explained below. Bonus points from the literature search project, if any, will be added to the total points earned in exams and study guides.

A's--- $780 \times .90 = 702+$  B's--- $780 \times .80 = 624+$  C's--- $780 \times .70 = 546+$  D's--- $780 \times .60 = 468+$

Aug. 27-----Introduction to class  
Sept. 3-----Presentation 1  
Sept 10-----Presentation 2  
Sept 17-----Exam 1  
Sept 24-----Presentation 3  
Oct. 1-----Exam 2  
Oct. 8-----Presentation 4  
Oct. 15-----Presentation 5  
Oct. 22-----Exam 3  
Oct. 29-----Presentation 6  
Nov. 5-----Exam 4  
Nov. 12-----Presentation 7  
Nov. 19-----Presentation 8  
Nov. 26-----Exam 5  
Dec. 3-----Presentation 9  
Dec. 10-----Exam 6

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