

FW22 AP/HIST 1010 6.0A War, Revolution and Society in the 20th Century

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Expanded Course Description (expanded from course calendar description):

In this course we explore the most violent century in human history. We will pay special attention to the two defining wars of the 20th century, World Wars I and II, and we also aim to contextualize and understand the world-changing revolutions in Russia, China, and Latin America. We will discuss the crucial development of colonialism and the consequences of decolonization, the impact of the Cold War, and the roots of horrific genocides such as the Holocaust, the Rwandan genocide, and the Killing Fields of Cambodia. We will also explore the ways in which societies have sought to deal with the impact of the traumas they have faced and discuss how concepts of human rights have developed and changed as a result of the horrors of the twentieth century.

As we learn about the major social, political, and economic upheavals of the twentieth century, we will also hone our historical skills, with an emphasis on reading primary and secondary materials, learning the basics of historical research, and preparing essays and other written assignments.

Required Course Text/Readings:

TENTATIVE

(will be available at the York University Bookstore)

- 1) Daniel R. Brower and Thomas Saunders, *The World in the Twentieth Century: From Empires to Nations*, Seventh Edition.
- 2) Sean Kennedy, *The Shock of War. Civilian Experiences, 1937-1945*

Recommended to buy:

William Kelleher Storey and Towser Jones, *Writing History: a Guide for Canadian Students*

To avoid the extra expense of a course kit, we will also be relying on sources available on the Internet, and the e-resources at the Scott library website.

Weighting of Course:

TENTATIVE Grade Breakdown

Participation (ongoing evaluation in tutorial).....	15%
2 Mini-Papers	20%
Memoir Study.....	15%
Essay proposal – pass or fail grade	
Major Paper:.....	20%
Final Exam (online)	30%

Organization of the Course:

This course is based on twice-weekly lectures (45 minutes each) by the Course Director, and a 1-hour weekly tutorial with a Tutorial Leader.

HIST1010 also uses e-class; here students can review course slides, assignment guidelines, and extra course material. The final exam will be an online, open-book exam carried out via the e-class site so that students do not need to travel to campus to write it.

Course Learning Objectives:

- Learn factual information about the world in the 20th century, names, dates, and key events;
- Learn how a historical argument is constructed and work with both **primary** and **secondary sources**
- Understand how historians present different views of past events (historiography)
- Evaluate the written work of historians (critical reading and thinking)
- Write your own historical essay