HIS 206-3D - Topics in Pre-Modern World History
Atlantic World
Course Syllabus

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Course Description:
This course is focused on Atlantic history and the interaction between Europe, Africa, North America, and South America from 1400 to 1830. Topics covered include defining Atlantic history, the Columbian Exchange, empire building, religion, labor, Atlantic slavery, the Age of Revolutions, and paleography. Both primary and secondary sources will be read and analyzed. This is a web-based course. Email and web access required.

Learning Objectives:
• Use a historical approach to analyze and contextualize primary and secondary sources representing divergent perspectives
• Use evidence to interpret the past coherently in writing
• Find, interpret, and evaluate information on diverse cultures
• Describe interconnection among regions of the world
• Use diverse cultural frames or reference and alternative perspectives to analyze issues
• Analyze historical duration, succession, and change in terms of human agency and larger systems or structures.
• Conduct original research by investigating and interpreting primary and secondary sources.
• Use evidence based reason to interpret the past coherently while developing and presenting an original argument in writing.

Required Reading:
All assigned and required readings are posted on Blackboard.
• Peter A. Coclanis, “Atlantic World or Atlantic/World?,” The William and Mary Quarterly 63, no. 4 (Oct. 2006): 725-742.

**Required Viewing:**
All assigned and required viewing are posted on Blackboard.
• *Guns, Germs & Steel Part II: Conquest* (2005).

**Assignments:**
You are expected to complete each week’s required reading and writing assignments. You will turn in your written work on either your midterm or your final exam. This allows some flexibility on when you do the assignments. **WARNING:** Do not wait to attempt all your written work the day or two before the exams. The work load is too heavy and you will most likely get a poor grade. Use only class notes and assigned readings for all your assignments except the Inventory Primary Source Assignment. The Inventory Assignment will require you to search the internet.

Exams and written assignments will be posted on Blackboard. All exams are due at 11:59 pm EST on the date indicated on the syllabus. Exams will be turned in via Safe Assign on Blackboard. It is your responsibility to properly turn in all assignments correctly and on time. I will not accept emailed submissions. Contact 6-TECH if you have IT trouble,

**Communication:**
Communication will be conducted via UNCG email. Having an active UNCG email account and checking it regularly is required.

Do not hesitate to email if you have a question or concern about the class or an assignment.
Grade Breakdown:
The written assignments you will be completing each week will be turned in with your exams. The exams will be made up of your written assignments in addition to a few short answer questions, identifications, and essays.

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Academic Integrity:
You shall abide by UNCG’s Academic Integrity Policy. Failure to do so will result in failing the class and a referral to the Dean of Students. Plagiarism from the Internet is of great concern. Class notes and assigned readings will provide sufficient information to complete all assignments. For specific questions about UNCG’s Academic Integrity Policy, please refer to http://academicintegrity.uncg.edu/

Class Schedule:

Week 1 (3/16 - 3/20)
Reading:
- Peter A. Coclanis, “Atlantic World or Atlantic/World?,” *The William and Mary Quarterly* 63, no. 4 (Oct. 2006): 725-742.

Paleography:
- Lesson 1

Assignments:
- Atlantic history essay

Week 2 (3/23 - 3-27)
Watch:
- *Guns Germs, & Steel Part II: Conquest.*

Reading:

Paleography
• Lesson 2.

Assignments:
• Guns, Germs & Steel Part I questions.
• Guns, Germs & Steel Part II questions.
• Africa Essay.

**Week 3 (3/30 - 4/3)**

Reading:

Assignments:
• Atlantic Crucible questions.
• The Wood World questions.
• Midterm Exam.

**Week 4 (4/6 - 4/10)**

Reading:

Assignment
• Exploiting the Atlantic questions.
• Atlantic Religion questions.
• Lived Lives Questions.

Paleography
• Lesson 3.

**Week 5 (4/13 - 4/17)**

**Reading**


**Watch**


**Assignments**

- Plantation Complex questions.
- Racism documentary questions.
- Creole to African questions.

**Paleography**

- Lesson 3.

**Week 6 (4/20 - 4/24)**

**Reading**


**Assignments:**

- Atlantic revolutions essay.
- Pushing the Atlantic envelope questions.

**Paleography**

- Lesson 5.
Week 7 (4/27 - 4/30)

Assignments:

- Inventory Primary Source.
- Final Exam.