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**History 152<sup>20</sup> (World Civilizations Since 1500)**  
Kaneohe Marine Corps Base  
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***COURSE DESCRIPTION:***

The European voyages of exploration brought all parts of the world into continuous contact with each other and inaugurated an era governed by a new set of historical dynamics. This course will concentrate on the processes and results of encounters between peoples of different civilizations or cultural regions from approximately A.D. 1500 to the present. These encounters involved the establishment of economic or trading relationships, the imposition of colonial regimes, the struggles for hegemony between peoples of different civilizations, and the massive process of decolonization of the twentieth century. This course will also emphasize how the various traditions of civilization have continued to exercise their enduring influence.

***MODE OF INSTRUCTION:***

This class will be centered around the instructor's lectures and student discussions based on the assigned readings. Students are encouraged to actively participate in the class through questions, answers and observations in an effort to make as informal a learning environment as possible.

***COURSE REQUIREMENTS:***

Successful completion of this course requires (1) attendance at scheduled lectures, (2) completion of the assigned readings, (3) passing of examinations, and (4) class participation.

***EVALUATION OF THE STUDENT:***

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the materials through oral responses and discussions in class, and by written responses on examinations and papers.

- A Mid-term examination and a final examination will be held on **November 12**, and **December 17**. The examinations will consist of matching, multiple-choice questions, paragraph identifications and an analytical essay.

### ***COURSE GRADING:***

Grades for this course will be based on a scale of 300 possible points. The Mid-term examination will count for a maximum of 100 points, and the Final for 200 points. Final letter grades will be based upon the total number of points accumulated during the semester according to the following categories:

- A = 270-300 points.
- B = 240-269 points.
- C = 210-239 points.
- D = 180-219 points.
- F = 179 points or less.

Students must take the examinations at the specified time unless there is some valid, compelling reason for postponement. Prior notification is necessary.

### ***Criteria for Grading Written Material on Examinations:***

- Discussion shows an understanding of the meaning and significance of the question in terms of the historical period under study.
- Discussion is supported by acceptable, factual evidence.
- Discussion is well-organized, logical, coherent and persuasively presented.
- Discussion shows perceptiveness in recognizing and evaluating various interpretations.
- Proper usage of language.

### ***REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:***

The following textbook is required:

John P. McKay, Bennett D. Hill & John Buckler, *A History of World Societies, Volume II: Since 1500*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1996)

All reading assignments (Chapters by number) specified in the tentative lecture schedule, pertain to the above text and must be completed prior to the lecture.

*Tentative Lecture Schedule*

Week 1:	T	10/06	Introduction to the Course.	
	R	10/08	Age of European Expansion & Religious Wars. Absolutism & Constitutionalism in Europe.	:16 :17
Week 2:	T	10/13	Towards a New World View in the West.	:18
			Changing Life of the People in Europe.	:19
	R	10/15	Africa, 1400-1800. Sugar & Slaves in the Atlantic World.	:20 :20
Week 3:	T	10/20	The Ottoman & Safavid Empires in the Middle East.	:21
			The Mughal Empire in India	:21
	R	10/22	The Ming and the Qing Empire in China. Japan: Sengoku to Tokugawa.	:22 :22
Week 4:	T	10/27	Revolution in Western Politics.	:23
			Revolution in Western Politics.	:23
	R	10/29	The Industrial Revolution in Europe. The Industrial Revolution in Europe.	:24 :24
Week 5:	T	11/03	Ideologies & Upheavals.	:25
			Ideologies & Upheavals.	:25
	R	11/05	European Life in the Age of Nationalism. European Life in the Age of Nationalism.	:26 :26
Week 6:	T	11/10	The World and the West. New Imperialism.	:27 :27
	R	11/12	<b>Midterm Examination</b>	
	Week 7:	T	11/17	Africa, 1870-1914
			The Middle East, 1800-1914.	
R		11/19	From Company to Crown: The British Raj in India, 1850-1914. China's Response to the West, 1830-1914.	:27 :27
Week 8:	T	11/24	Japan's Response to the West, 1850-1914.	:27
			The World at War, 1914-1919.	:29
	R	11/26	Nationalism in Africa. Nationalism in the Middle East.	:34 :30
Week 9:	T	12/01	Nationalism in India.	:30
			Nationalism & Communism in China.	:30
	R	12/03	Rise of Ultrnationalism in Japan.	:30
Week 10:	T	12/08	World War II. The War in the Pacific.	:32 :32
	R	12/10	Decolonization. The Cold War and the Bipolar World: The Fate of New Nations in the Third World	:33 :34 :35
	Week 11:	T	12/15	New Global Challenges.
R		12/17	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	