

Spring Day 1998

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**Course Syllabus**  
**Chaminade University of Honolulu**

**History 152: World Civilizations II**  
**Dr. Yamasaki**

**Course Description**

Survey of world history from 1500 to the present. This course attempts to link students with the major people, events and developments that shape the world in which they live.

**Course Objectives**

- Gain a working knowledge of the key people, events & developments of the era
- Develop writing, speaking & cognitive skills through essays, simulations & symposia
- Encourage learning that embodies cooperation, self-discipline, caring & mutual respect
- Promote concern for social justice, ethics & civic responsibility

**Course Requirements**

- Regularly attend & actively participate in class meetings.
- Turn in short writing assignments on time.
- Take a mid-term & a final examination.
- Turn in two essays on time. Essay topics will be discussed in class.

**Grades**

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| • Class participation & short writing assignments | 100 points |
| • Mid-term examination                            | 100 points |
| • Final examination                               | 100 points |
| • First essay                                     | 100 points |
| • Second essay                                    | 100 points |

460-500 points = A; 410-459 = B; 350-409 = C; 300-349 = D; Below 300 = F

**Course Schedule**

- Week 1-5:    Revolutions that transformed the West.
- The scientific revolution.
  - The Enlightenment.
  - The political revolutions (focusing on the French Revolution).
  - The industrial revolution.
- Week 6-9:    Impact of the West's "New Imperialism."
- Africa "partitioned."

- India's colonial experience.
- China's painful road to modernity.
- Japan's rapid modernization.

Week 10-15: Twentieth century world.

- World War I.
- Russian Revolution.
- Nazi Germany & the Holocaust.
- World War II & the Cold War.
- Post-colonial world.
- Challenges of the 21st century.
- How the war was fought
- Opposition to the War
- "Vietnamization"
- Interpretations of why the U.S. policy in Vietnam failed.

### **Text**

McKay et al, *History of World Societies*, Volume 2.

Mitch Yamasaki (ed.), *Readings in World Civilizations*, Volume 2.

### **Office Hours**

Eiben Annex B: Tuesdays 8:30-9:30 AM & 2:00-4:00 PM; Thursdays 8:30-9:30 AM.  
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