

**ICIR 202 Globalization and International Order in the Twentieth Century:  
From the First World War to 9/11**

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**Course Description & Aims:**

This course covers the twentieth century, running from the outbreak of the First World War to the 9/11 terrorist attack on the United States. During this time, key features and institutions of the modern world related to globalization and international governance continued to develop. Particular attention is paid to the two world wars and the intervening period, the emergence of an international order dominated by two superpowers and the ensuing Cold War, decolonization in Asia and Africa, and the socio-economic transformations of societies across the globe resulting from medical and technological developments such as new contraceptive methods and computing. The course develops the historical skills, such as identifying change over time and interpreting primary sources, introduced in ICIR 201 The Formation of the Modern World.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

1. Describe the main events and developments in world history during the twentieth century
2. Recognize and assess how the main events and developments in world history during the twentieth century affect the world today
3. Understand and apply historical concepts and methodologies
4. Compare and contrast the historical development of different countries and parts of the world during the twentieth century
5. Discuss, understand and analyze selected primary sources of significance to world history from the twentieth century

**Assignments and examinations**

The evaluation will be based on two examinations, a quiz, and a group presentation.

Midterm Exam 35%: Short answers with source analyses

Oral Source Analysis 10%

Final Exam 30%: Essay with source analyses

Quizzes 15%

Participation 10%

**Grading Scheme**

Grades are given according to a fixed scale.

90 and above = A

85-90 = B+

80-84 = B

75-79 = C+

70-74 = C

65-69 = D+

60-64 = D

Below 60 = F

## References

### **Core textbooks:**

**D. Reynolds, *One World Divisible: A Global History since 1945*. Oxford.**

**J.W. Young&J. Kent, *International Relations Since 1945: A global History*. Oxford.**

## Course Outline

Week	Topic
1	Legacy of World War I
2	The Age of Anxiety
3	The Rise of Communist and Fascist Regimes
4	World War II and Origin of the Cold War
5	Iron Curtain in Europe
6	Decolonization and Asian Revolutions
7	Midterm/ Communist China
8	Containment in Latin America
9	Cold War in Southeast Asia (Field trip)
10	Conflicts in the Middle East
11	The Collapse of Communism
12	A Clash of Civilizations? Ethnic Nationalisms and Islamic Fundamentalism

## Useful internet sources for the course

1. <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar.htm> for documents relating to American Foreign Policy.
2. Cold War International History Project at Woodrow Wilson Center  
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org>
3. The Harvard Project on Cold War Studies  
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~hpcws/>
4. The Cold War Museum <http://www.coldwar.org/>
5. The National Archives Learning Curve  
<http://www.learningcurve.gov.uk/coldwar/default.htm>
6. Avalon Project: documents in law , history, and diplomacy  
[http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/coldwar.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/coldwar.asp)