

POLS 230/ Hist 230

The Modern Revolution Fall 2008

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Please try first to reach me by email. I can arrange to meet you online for a chat or to call you if necessary. On campus office hours M/W 10:30-11:20. Classroom number L221. 9:30-10:30 daily.

Required Texts: Katz, Mark N. Revolution: International Dimensions. CQ Press 2001

For the quickest answers to questions, email me at: dvaughan@bellevuecollege.edu. IF I DO NOT RESPOND TO YOUR EMAIL WITHIN 48 HOURS DURING THE NORMAL WORK WEEK, ASSUME YOUR EMAIL DID NOT REACH ME. I have always responded within 48 hours to date. I may respond that I need a day or so to get back to you, but I will reply. If I don't reply, it is a good bet that I did not receive the email.

Grades

The percentages I use to determine grades, for both the work and the final grade are as follows

Final Grade

- A 93-100%
- A- 90-92%
- B+ 87-89%
- B 83-86%
- B- 80-82%
- C+ 77-79%
- C 73-76%
- C- 70-72%
- D+ 67-69%
- D 60-66%
- F 0-59%

Assignments: There are four papers and one presentation in this course. That makes only 5 assignments, each worth 20% of your final grade. The presentation is group work. The presentation includes a summary statement which is due at the date of your presentation, to be determined in class. Please make sure to hand in a copy of your 2-4 page summary of your presentation at the presentation time. While the presentations are small group work, each person will be graded individually on their portion of the presentation.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. There will be changes in readings and assignments throughout the course. I have found that it is impossible not to change a course slightly to suit the needs of that particular quarter or that particular set of students. If you fail to do so, your grade will suffer both in participation points and in your overall work. Participating in discussions will help you to succeed in the rest of the course.

Papers are due on the dates set in the calendar below. Be aware that the calendar may change. I reserve the right to change due dates, etc. Please take the time to get the phone number of another student in class, or call or e-mail me when you miss to make sure that you are consistently meeting the demands of the class.

Papers are to be typed in 10 or 12 point, Times New Roman or a comparable font. If the formatting does not work or you cannot transmit in Word for any reason, do not worry. Just get the paper to me. I can fix the formatting or just ignore it. Focus on writing a strong essay and submitting it on time in full. Each paper will be no shorter than 3 full pages and no longer than 6 full pages. Short or long papers will not be read and will receive a failing grade.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student caught plagiarizing will receive a failing grade and their paper will be turned over to the appropriate authorities. The college subscribes to plagiarism web sites. Students may not use papers written for other courses. Each paper should be unique for this course. Any student who is unclear on plagiarism or the instructors and division policies regarding plagiarism should consult the student handbook, Social Science Division policies and the writing lab web site at Bellevue Community College.

Calendar

Week	Assignments				
<i>Week 1</i> <i>September 22-26</i>	Theory and Structure: Foundations for analytical revolution. Chapter 1: Analytical Framework Chapter 2: Theory of Revolution and War.				
<i>Week 2</i> <i>September 29-October 3</i>	Relations Between States Reading: Chapter 3 War and Revolution. Chapter 4: The US and Third World Revolutionary	Counterinsurgency and the Soviet Union in Afghanistan			

	States: Understanding the Breakdown in Relations				
Week 3 October 6-10	Counterinsurgency Readings: Chapter 5 The role of Military Power		Paper 1 Insurgency and Counter Insurgency		
Week 4 October 13-17	Readings: Chapter 6 Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife: British and American Army Counterinsurgency Learning during the Malayan Emergency and the Vietnam War.				
Week 5 October 20-24	Readings: Preempting Revolutions: The Boundaries of US Influence		Paper 2 Outside Influences or Keys to Revolutionary Assistance		
Week 6 October 27-31	Readings: Chapter 8 Guerrillas and Elections: An Institutionalist Perspective				
Week 7 November 1-7			Paper 3: Guerrillas: Not just in the Jungle		
Week 8 November 10-14	Chapter 10: The Embourgeoisement of Revolutionary Regimes: Reflections on Abdallah Laroui				
Week 9 November			Paper 4: The Future of Revolutionary		

17-21			Action		
Week 10 November 24-28	Readings: Chapter 11 Is the Age of Revolutions Over:				
Week 11 December 1-5	Readings: Chapter 12 Same as It Ever Was: The Future of Revolution at the End of the Century.				
Week 12 December 8-12				Presentations	Presentations
Week 12 December 10-12	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations		

This schedule is for your convenience only. This schedule is subject to change at the instructors' discretion at any time in the quarter.

Completing the Work of the Course

While an assignment is due on a certain date, late work will be accepted, usually for about 5 days after it's due. Penalties for late work, in general, reduce the grade by a portion of a grade (a plus or minus) per day. Deadline-sensitive assignments have severe late penalties: a whole grade point per day.

Welcome to the course and Enjoy!