MMW 122: Exploring the Modern World/Global Struggles for Justice and Equality
Professor Chang, Track B
Section B05, B06 and B07

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Section Objective:
The purpose of section is to improve your understanding of and engagement with the course content by giving you an opportunity to exercise critical thinking, writing, reading, studying, listening, and speaking skills in a small, supportive group led by a knowledgeable guide.

Section will help you to:
• Interpret and analyze course material in its historical context, developing ideas in dialogue with course readings and lectures
• Conduct academic research and use library resources
• Write coherent academic argument essays that address a significant issue; ask a specific, open-ended, arguable question; answer the question by making a claim and backing it up with sufficient, relevant, specific, compelling evidence; consider and rebut counterarguments; demonstrate significance of the argument; and accurately cite sources in MLA format
• Know the difference between primary and secondary sources and how to use them in academic writing
• Engage in substantive and respectful discussion of course concepts with peers

Letter Grade Requirement: In order to fulfill your Eleanor Roosevelt College General Education Requirement you MUST take MMW courses for a Letter Grade. If you have selected Pass/No Pass as a grading option, you should change it to Letter Grade or you will not fulfill the ERC General Education Requirement and will have to take MMW 122 again.

Attendance, Participation, and Section Requirements:
Regular attendance and participation in section is mandatory. Students who miss 3 sections—excused or unexcused--will fail section. Students who miss 4 sections—excused or unexcused--will fail the course. Any absence can lower your grade.

You must arrive on time and be prepared to discuss and write about course material. Consistent tardiness will lower your grade.

You are REQUIRED to bring all relevant material (including lecture notes, homework assignments, and readings) to the section each week. We will be working with this material hands-on in the classroom.

Homework, Quizzes, In-Class Work: For each section, students will have a short, written homework assignment based on the readings for the week (Tuesday and/or Thursday). The
homework assignments will be integral to in-class group work, which is at the center of discussion section. Homework will not be collected, but it must be typed, printed out and brought to class in order to receive credit (see below). You must also bring the relevant reading to class (excluding McKay’s *A History of World Societies* and Lunsford’s *Easy Writer*) in order to fully participate in section.

**Grading:**
Section counts for 10% of the overall class grade. In section this quarter, you will be able to earn a total of 100 points – 10 points per section meeting. If you miss a section, you will lose 10 points toward your section grade.

- 5 points in each section meeting will be given to attendance. If you are on time to class and remain in class until the end, you will get 5 points for attendance; if you are between 5 and 10 minutes late, you will receive 3 points (out of 5) for attendance; if you are between 10 and 15 minutes late, you will receive 2 points (out of 5) for attendance; if you are more than 15 minutes late, you will receive 0 points (out of 5) for attendance.
  
  o If you leave 0 to 5 minutes before the end of section, you will receive 3 points (out of 5) for attendance; if you leave between 5 and 10 minutes before the end of section, you will receive 2 points (out of 5) for attendance; if you leave between 10 and 15 minutes before the end of section, you will receive 1 point (out of 5) for attendance; if you leave more than 15 minutes before the end of section, you will receive 0 points (out of 5) for attendance.

- 5 points in each section meeting will be given to participation. If you are an active participant in group activities, have completed assigned section homework, have the appropriate readings and remain focused on the work being done in section, you will receive 5 points for participation. If you have not done homework, do not have your reading, are not participating in section, using your cell phone, using your computer, leaving the classroom in the middle of class, treating other students poorly – not participating or disrupting section in any way – you will lose 2 points for each instance. I will be paying attention during class.
  
  o If you are late, you cannot fully participate in group activities. If you are between 5 and 10 minutes late, you can receive a maximum of 4 points (out of 5) for participation; if you are between 10 and 15 minutes late, you can receive a maximum of 3 points (out of 5) for participation; if you are more than 15 minutes late, you can receive a maximum of 2 points (out of 5) for participation.

  o If you leave early, you cannot fully participate in group activities. If you leave 0 to 5 minutes before the end of section, you can receive a maximum of 4 points (out of 5) for participation; if you leave 5 to 10 minutes before the end of section, you can receive a maximum of 3 points (out of 5) for participation; if you leave 10 to 15 minutes before the end of section, you can receive a maximum of 2 points (out of 5) for participation; if you leave 15 minutes or more before the end of section, you can receive a maximum of 1 point (out of 5) for participation.
2 reading quizzes worth 5 points each will be given, unannounced, during the quarter. The quizzes will be based on the reading due that day on the course syllabus. These are 10 potential extra points to be added to the section grade. **MMW Attendance Policy still applies. Regardless of your scores on these quizzes, if you miss 3 sections, you will fail section. If you miss 4 sections, you will fail the course.

Writing Assignments and Late Policy:
All papers must be turned in **directly** as a hard copy to me in section, lecture, or office hours, in addition to an electronic copy uploaded to www.turnitin.com. Papers left in my mailbox or the MMW office will not be graded. You will lose one-third of a letter grade for each day a paper is late (including weekends). If you are unable to attend section the day the paper is due, you must make other arrangements to submit your work. In addition to taking the mid-term and final exams and attending section regularly, you must submit ALL writing assignments (both as a hard copy to me and to turnitin.com) in **order to pass the course**.

N.B. It is your responsibility to hand in the hard copy of assignments to me directly and to submit the paper to turnitin.com. Failure to submit your papers to turnitin.com by the deadline will result in a loss of one-third of a letter grade for each day after the deadline that the paper is submitted. No excuses. In addition, once you have handed in your paper, this is considered your official submission and any alterations or re-submissions will not be accepted.

Classroom Environment:
In the classroom, students must take responsibility for fostering a respectful and comfortable environment for all students, professors, and teaching assistants. This means listening to the ideas of others, not interrupting, responding thoughtfully, and encouraging others to contribute. Furthermore, as a member of the University of California, San Diego community, a community of higher learning, you must recognize the importance of evidence-based debate and discussion in producing knowledge. Together, we are trying to come to a better understanding of the human world based on evidence, and although differences of interpretation are always part of debate and discussion, it is unacceptable for students to dismiss, harass, ridicule, deride, or otherwise intimidate others. Students who engage in this behavior will be removed from class. ** These guidelines also apply to the use of Piazza.

Other general rules:
• No cell phone use – using your phone will be interpreted as not participating in section, and will impact your grade.
• Laptops and tablets are allowed, but using your laptop or tablet for non-class purposes will be interpreted as not participating in section, which will impact your grade.
• Drinks are okay, but NO FOOD in class.

Communicating with Me/Office Hours/Piazza:
I would encourage all students to come talk to me about any questions you may have about the course, course content, or your own performance in class. I am here to help you succeed in MMW 122 in any way that I can. Please consider stopping by my office hours during the times...
listed above. If you have a conflict that does not allow you to meet during that time, please come talk to me after section or after lecture to set up a time that works for us both.

This term we will be using Piazza for all course-related questions and class discussion. The system is highly catered to getting you help quickly and efficiently from classmates and all TA’s. Rather than emailing questions to the teaching staff, I encourage you to post your questions on Piazza to the entire class. Students and TAs can then respond directly to those questions for the entire class to see. You can also ask questions directly to the TA’s by sending a private note that will go only to the instructors. If you have any other questions, please speak with me directly after lecture, section, or during office hours.