

**“Individualism and Social Responsibility in the Modern World:
Having One’s Own Way vs. Finding a Way of One’s Own”**

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Lectures: MW 11-1:50 pm (WLH 2005)

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Required Course Texts:

- McKay, John, et.al. *A History of World Societies*. Value/Combined 10th Ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin’s. ISBN-13: 978-1457685262; ISBN-10: 1457685264
- Erich Fromm, *The Art of Loving*
- Hacker, Diana, and Nancy Sommers. *A Writer’s Reference*, 8th Edition. Boston: Bedford/St. Martins 2014. ISBN 978-1-319-02223-5
- Course Reader

Course Requirements:

Midterm examination (30 %)

Final examination (25 %)

Writing Assignments (35 % combined)

Section attendance and participation (10 %)

Prospectus 15% Due Monday, August 15 (Week 3)

Final Paper 20% Due Wednesday, August 31 (Week 5)

The Pass/No Pass grading option is NOT permissible for MMW courses; all ERC students must take this course for a letter grade in order to fulfill the ERC general education requirement.

To pass the course, you must satisfy all course requirements; i.e., you must take all exams, turn in all writing assignments to section instructor and www.turnitin.com, and attend all section discussions. You are expected to complete assigned readings for the day of lecture; furthermore, you need to be prepared in section to discuss issues related to the week’s readings and lectures.

Examinations:

There will be a midterm and a final exam in this course. They will be designed to gauge your grasp of the readings and lectures. Each will consist of a variety of objective questions, so if you attend lectures consistently, read, **and** reflect on the reading material, you can expect to do quite well on these assessments. The final exam will include an essay section cumulative in scope, along with objective questions. (Make-up for the midterm will only be granted with a valid, documented reason for absence. No makeup will be granted for the final exam due to the tight summer exam schedule.)

Academic Integrity:

As an ERC/UCSD student, you share responsibility for contributing to a culture of academic integrity. You are responsible for:

- Completing your academic assignments honestly, fairly, responsibly, and respectfully (according to the expectations of each individual instructor)
- Learning and demonstrating your individual level of competence through each assignment so that the instructor can evaluate and certify your knowledge and abilities.
- Ensuring that you're being honest, transparent, and accountable in all your student activities.
- Knowing and observing all of the UCSD rules concerning academic integrity and plagiarism. You should familiarize yourself with your responsibilities and rights under the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship (<http://senate.ucsd.edu/Operating-Procedures/Senate-Manual/Appendices/2>) and with MMW policies governing academic integrity included in the "MMW Program Policies handout.

Office for Student Disabilities

Students requesting accommodations and services for this course due to a disability need to provide a current Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter issued by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) prior to eligibility for requests. Receipt of AFAs in advance is necessary for appropriate planning for the provision of reasonable accommodations. OSD Academic Liaisons also need to receive current AFA letters if there are any changes to accommodations. For additional information, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities: 858-534-4382 (V); 585.534.9709 (TTY) – reserved for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; or email: osd@ucsd.edu. OSD Website: <http://disabilities.ucsd.edu>.

MMW 15: THE 20th CENTURY AND BEYOND COURSE SYLLABUS

Week One

August 1: World War I and its Aftermath

McKay: pp. 860-867; 879-883

Reader: Rupert Brooke, "The Soldier"

Wilfred Owen, "Dulce et Decorum Est"

Woodrow Wilson, "Fourteen Points" and "Four Points"

Eric Hobsbawm, "the Age of Total War"

John Maynard Keynes, "The Economic Consequences of the Peace"

August 3: Expressions of the Modern Psyche

McKay: pp. 887-893

Fromm: "Love and Its Disintegration in Contemporary Western Society" (pp.77-98)

Reader: Sigmund Freud, "Why War" (Letter to Albert Einstein)

Albert Einstein, "The World As I See It"

T.S. Eliot, "The Love-song of J. Alfred Prufrock"

Tristan Tzara, "Dadaism"

F.T. Marinetti, "The Founding and Manifesto of Futurism"

Week Two

August 8: Decolonization or Neo-colonialism?

McKay: pp. 897-901; 909-917; 971-975; 985-990

Reader: Sun Yat-sen, "Fundamentals of National Reconstruction"

Mohandas K. Gandhi, *Autobiography*, excerpts

Deng Yingchao, "The Spirit of the May Fourth Movement"

Ho Chi Minh, "Selected Writings"

Kwame Nkrumah, "Neo-Colonialism: the Last Stage of Imperialism"

August 10: Disorders of a Decade: 1929-1939

McKay: pp. 928-942

Reader: John Maynard Keynes, "State Intervention in the Economy"

Eleanor Roosevelt, "What I Hope to Leave Behind"

Walter Lippmann, *Public Opinion*, excerpts

W. H. Auden, "The Unknown Citizen"

Josef Stalin, "The Socialist Drive"

Week Three

August 15: World War II and the Banality of Evil

Prospectus Due

McKay: pp. 942-955

Reader: Benito Mussolini, "The Doctrine of Fascism"

Adolf Hitler, selections from *Mein Kampf*, "Nation and Race," "The National Socialist Movement," and "Propaganda and Organization"

Hannah Arendt, "Eichmann in Jerusalem" excerpts

August 17: The Cold War and the Arms Race

McKay: pp. 966-970

Reader: Henry Luce, "The American Century", excerpt

Winston Churchill, excerpts from the "Iron Curtain" speech

Ernest May, "America's Berlin: Heart of the Cold War"

Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Farewell Address"

Gregg Herken, "The University of California, the Federal Weapons Labs,

and the Founding of the Atomic West”

Week Four

August 22: ***Midterm (30%)*******

August 24: Existentialism and Social Accountability

Reader: Jean Paul Sartre, “Existentialism”

Simone de Beauvoir, “The Second Sex” excerpts

Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*, excerpts

Fromm: “Love, The Answer to the Problem of Human Existence” (pp.7-36)

Week Five

August 29: Civil Rights Movements of the ‘60s

Reader: Martin Luther King, “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”

Malcolm X, “The Ballot or the Bullet”

Students for a Democratic Society, “The Port Huron Statement”

Online: Jonathan Kozol, “Still Separate, Still Unequal: America’s Educational Apartheid”

<http://www.mindfully.org/Reform/2005/American-Apartheid-Education1sep05.htm>

August 31: Challenges for the 21st Century

Final Paper Due

McKay: 1050-1057

Reader: Mike Davis, “SAPing the Third World”

Mike Davis, “Planet of Slums”

Edward O. Wilson, “Is Humanity Suicidal?”

Vaclav Havel, “The End of the Modern Era”

FINAL EXAM (25%): Friday September 2, 11:30 am-2:30 pm