



Department of History

HTST 383



The Cold War

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Course end date: Wednesday 14 June 2023

COLOUR KEY: **TO DO;** **TO READ;** **TO WATCH**

Office Hours and communication: Drop-in Q+A – 10:00-10:40 Wednesday 10, 17, 24, 31 May and Wednesday 7 June

Queries/questions can be posted at any time to the Discussion section on D2L, and will typically be replied to within 24 hours (weekdays), or 48 hours (weekends).

Course Description: This course focuses on the military history of the Cold War, but also examines the causes, wider conduct and to a lesser extent ramifications of war from 1945 up to the end of the Cold War, concluding with a brief look at the current war between Russia and Ukraine.

In the aftermath of the Second World War the US had clearly usurped the European colonial powers as the dominant force in the Western world, having been the industrial powerhouse for the entire Allied war effort. US hegemony on the world stage was however to be challenged by both the USSR and later also the PRC. While the collapse of the Soviet Union left only China and the US as major powers, under Vladimir Putin Russia has been re-asserting itself as a major regional power and claims to a 'sphere of influence'.

The course will be delivered as an online ‘distance learning’ course in an asynchronous format, meaning that we will not have class times. This gives you some flexibility when you process learning materials, although there will be an **online quiz** to test comprehension of material for weeks 1-5, for which you will have 24 hours to complete from the nominal end of one week/start of the next time of 10:00 am on a Wednesday (i.e. the quiz will run from 10:00 am on a Tuesday at the end of weeks 1-5 to 10:00 am on a Wednesday). I will also have a **Zoom question-and-answer office ‘hour’/chat** from 10:00-10:40 on a Wednesday for weeks 2-6, and **questions can be posted to the Discussions section on D2L.**

******From 10:00-10:30 on Wednesday 4 May, instead of the office period, I will do the introduction to the class ‘live’ – going through the course outline and fielding any questions you might have about the course.**** The recording will be posted to D2L.**

Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course, students should:

- *Be able to identify key events, stages, individuals, groups and processes in the Cold War
- *Have gained a broad understanding of cause and consequence, change and continuity and similarity and difference for varying events, periods and processes in the Cold War
- *Be familiar with and critical towards a range of source materials used by historians in understanding the past and in particular the Cold War
- *Have gained a critical appreciation for the manner in which elements of the Cold War have been presented in movies in different cultures at different times
- *Be able to construct an historical argument critiquing a movie by analyzing and interpreting a variety of secondary sources
- *Be able to present their historical argument in a systematic and coherent manner in written form

Reading Material:

REQUIRED TEXT: The course text – **to be purchased by students** - will be:

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Although the book is available as an ebook from Cambridge University Press at the link below, it will cost you no more as a paperback, which is available not only from CUP but also from Chapters-Indigo and Amazon. The University Bookstore should also have copies, and I encourage you to buy from that source if possible. I encourage you to obtain a hard copy (we are all spending far too much time in front of screens as it is) as soon as possible to make sure you have it for when the course starts. Questions relating to the weekly readings from the course text may be asked in both the weekly quizzes and final test.

Here are some links to purchase the course text:

<https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/the-global-cold-war-third/9780521703147-item.html?ikwid=the+global+cold+war&ikwsec=Home&ikwidx=3#algoliaQueryId=f598b8ba0b786b7bdcafa08ea99b0069>

https://www.amazon.ca/Global-Cold-War-Interventions-Making/dp/052170314X/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=the+global+cold+war&qid=1586365473&sr=8-1

<https://www.cambridge.org/ca/academic/subjects/history/history-after-1945-general/global-cold-war-third-world-interventions-and-making-our-times?format=PB>

Course reading from the textbook by week are as follows. **It is assumed that students will have read the relevant material from the course text by the time of the weekly quiz for the week:**

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>READING</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>THE RISE OF THE SUPERPOWERS</u> <u>THE BEGINNING OF THE COLD WAR</u>	<u>INTRODUCTION</u> <u>CHAPTERS 1 AND 2</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>THE VIETNAM WAR</u>	<u>CHAPTERS 3, 4 AND 5</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>PROXY WARS: THE COLD WAR IN LATIN AMERICA</u>	<u>REVISIT PP. 143-152, 170-180, 201; 339-348</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>PROXY WARS: THE COLD WAR IN AFRICA</u> <u>THE SOVIET UNION IN AFGHANISTAN</u>	<u>REVISIT PP.89-91; 106-7, 135-143; CHAPTERS 6 AND 7</u> <u>CHAPTER 8; PP.348-357</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>THE ARAB-ISRAELI WARS</u>	<u>PP.123-8 AND 197-200</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM IN EASTERN EUROPE</u> <u>THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION</u>	<u>CHAPTERS 9, 10 AND CONCLUSION</u>

THIS, AND ADDITIONAL READING MATERIAL FOR EACH CLASS, IS LISTED IN THE CLASS SCHEDULE SECTION OF THIS COURSE OUTLINE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FINAL TEST IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT STUDENTS HAVE READ ALL OF MATERIAL RECOMMENDED FROM THE COURSE TEXT AND THE ADDITIONAL READING MATERIAL PROVIDED, IN ADDITION TO HAVING READ THE PPT SLIDES AND ASSOCIATED NOTES AND DOCUMENTS.

Assessment

Evaluation for this course consists of two movie critiques, a short fill-in-the-blanks quiz each week (for the material for weeks 1-5), and a final multiple-choice test covering material for the whole course. Students will be expected to **watch, in their own time, two movies for review**. These movies may be purchased or rented at the student's discretion. The movies in List 1 are very readily available – some of those in List 2 in particular less so, and **so it is advised that students consider their movie option for the second critique early in course**. At the end of the course you may do a third critique (from List 3) if you are unhappy with one of your marks for the first two.

Weekly fill-in-the-blanks quizzes (weeks 1-5)	To be completed within 24 hours from 10:00 on the Tuesday of weeks 1-5 (i.e. 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June)	A fill-in-the-blanks quiz with 10 questions to be delivered via D2L. This quiz will deal with material for the week concerned.	6% of the final mark for each quiz (30% total)
Movie critique 1	Due to be submitted via D2L by 11:59 p.m. on Monday 15 May (to be returned by Monday 22 May)	A movie critique of no more than 1,250 words (the word limit excludes bibliographic references and the bibliography) in the style of an academic book review (i.e. it is a movie review being written for an academic journal) from list 1 below.	30% of final mark
Movie critique 2	Due to be submitted via D2L by 11:59 p.m. on Monday 29 May (to be returned by Monday 5 June at the very latest)	A movie critique of no more than 1,250 words (the word limit excludes bibliographic references and the bibliography) in the style of an academic book review (i.e. it is a movie review being written for an academic journal) from list 2 below. To be submitted as a Word document.	30% of final mark
Movie critique 3 (optional)	Due via D2L by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday 13 June	A movie critique of no more than 1,250 words (the word limit excludes bibliographic references and the bibliography) in the style of an academic book review (i.e. it is a movie review being written for an academic journal) from list 3 below.	30% of final mark (replaces lowest mark from Movie critique 1 or 2 if higher)

Final quiz	Via D2L on Wednesday 14 June	30 multiple-choice questions covering material for the <u>whole course</u> . Students will be expected to have looked over the ppt slides and associated notes, and have read any reading provided. Provided on D2L. Start time – 10:00. To be completed within 24 hours.	10% of final mark
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MOVIE CRITIQUES:

<p>List 1: Select one of the following to watch -</p> <p><u>The Vietnam War</u></p> <p>Platoon (1986) Hamburger Hill (1987) Full Metal Jacket (1987) Casualties of War (1989)</p> <p><u>YOU MAY USE ANY PUBLISHED MATERIALS PROVIDED BY THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR AS SOURCES FOR YOUR CRITIQUES, ALTHOUGH TO SCORE MORE HIGHLY FOR RESEARCH YOU SHOULD ALSO FIND YOUR OWN SOURCES</u></p>	<p>List 2: Select one of the following to watch-</p> <p><u>Counterinsurgency in Latin America</u></p> <p>Under Fire (1983) Salvador (1986)</p> <p><u>Counterinsurgency in Africa and Central Asia</u></p> <p>Intimate Enemies (2007) 9th Company (2005) Namibia: The Struggle for Liberation (2007)</p>
	<p>List 3: Select one of the following -</p> <p><u>The Falklands War</u></p> <p>Tumbledown (1988) Blessed by Fire (2005)</p> <p><u>Arab-Israeli</u></p> <p>Cast a Giant Shadow (1966) Kedma (2002)</p>

COMPLETING THE MOVIE CRITIQUES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

In order to score highly on your movie critique you must:

***Have watched and engaged with the movie concerned.**

*** Have analysed the content of the movie in the light of the historical literature – how is the movie accurate in its portrayal of events in the light of the historical literature, and how is it not?**

***Support your argument with evidence/examples – both referencing the movie and the historical literature. For ANY major assertion relating to the accuracy of the movie portrayal of events you should provide at least one piece of evidence/illustrative material from the literature.**

***Provide evidence/illustrative material for a particular point that should, ideally in most cases, take the form of BOTH aggregate data from academic works (e.g. statistical information) and a piece of individual testimony (e.g. from a memoir or interview).**

***Acknowledge sources used in your footnotes, and all works in your footnotes should be in your bibliography.**

***Footnote and provide a bibliography in a format accepted in academic historical work (references should not be embedded in the text).**

***In addition to any reading provided, students are expected to have found and used AT LEAST FOUR academic article-length pieces of academic scholarship (here taken as having referenced sources) in EACH movie critique. A book chapter or essay may be considered as equivalent to an academic journal article. If more than one chapter or essay is being used from a single book then the book is to count as one source for the purposes of the requirement to find four article-length pieces of academic scholarship.**

More than isolated spelling mistakes and errors in grammar, syntax and punctuation will be penalised.

General guidelines for writing in History are available at:

<http://hist.ucalgary.ca/sites/hist.ucalgary.ca/files/EssayHandbook1.pdf>

Some common errors to avoid in your writing:

When referring to countable items (e.g. tanks, aircraft), the correct word to use is ‘number’ of tanks or aircraft, and NOT ‘amount’.

When comparing numerical strengths, one side can have ‘fewer’ of a countable item than the other, not ‘less’.

Try to avoid sweeping generalizations that cannot be sustained by your sources. For example, very

rarely do historians have the evidence to suggest that ‘The [particular country’s] people thought/ wanted...’. It is better to state – with the appropriate evidence - that ‘Some of the [particular country’s] people thought/ wanted...’ for example.

The History Essay Handbook above provides information on how to reference your sources.

WRITING:

All written assignments and written exam responses are assessed partly on writing skills. Writing skills include surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) and general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented.

D2L: Throughout the course, important material such as lecture outlines and study guides will be regularly posted on D2L. Students are advised to check this regularly.

Grading Policies:

In order to pass the course you MUST complete BOTH movie critiques 1 AND 2.

A flat 5% of the mark will be deducted for exceeding the word limit on a critique by >100 words, and you will not gain credit for that material beyond the word limit.

A flat 10% will be deducted for every week or part thereof during which a movie critique is overdue without prior agreement with the lecturer or due cause (as documented according to university requirements).

Work submitted after Wednesday 15 June will not be accepted and a mark of 0 recorded for that piece of work unless a satisfactory explanation for late submission has been provided.

Failure to complete a test/quiz within 24 hours will result in a score of 0 for the test without a satisfactory explanation allowing a student to receive the mark for the following test as the mark for the missed test as well.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE your final percentage score will be ROUNDED UP to the nearest whole percentage point and converted to a letter grade using the table provided below.

Learning Technologies Requirements

There is a D2L site for this course that contains relevant class resources and materials. In order to successfully engage in learning experiences in this class, students will need reliable access to the following technology: internet access and a computer, tablet, or other device to access D2L. In order to access office hours (held online using Zoom) your computer or tablet will require a video camera and microphone, and installation of Zoom.

Schedule:

The lectures for this course will take a broadly chronological look at events between 1945 and the end of the Cold War, stopping to focus on particular themes such as the Cold War at sea or nuclear weapons. The final lecture material will look at the current war in Ukraine.

Week 1 – [posted Wednesday 3 May 2021]: Introduction; Methodology; The Rise of the Superpowers; The Beginning of the Cold War; The Cold War at the Movies I

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READING:

Westad, INTRODUCTION AND CHAPTERS 1 AND 2

Week 2 – [posted Wednesday 10 May]: The Korean War; The Vietnam War

READING:

The Korean War: <https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194.014>

Westad, Chapters 3, 4 and 5

The Vietnam War: <https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200.015>

Week 3 – [posted Wednesday 17 May]: Nuclear Weapons; Proxy Wars – The Cold War in Latin America; The Cold War at the Movies II

READING:

Nuclear Weapons: <https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837194.019> and

<https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200.006>.

Latin America: Westad, REVISIT PP. 143-152, 170-180, 201; AND 339-348

Week 4 – [posted Wednesday 24 May]: Proxy Wars – The Cold War in Africa and The Soviet Union in Afghanistan;

READING:

Africa: Westad, revisit pp.89-91; 106-7, 135-143; Chapters 6 and 7

Afghanistan: Westad Chapter 8; PP.348-357

Week 5 – [posted Wednesday 31 May]: The Arab-Israeli Wars; The Cold War at Sea; The Falklands War

READING:

The Arab-Israeli Wars: Westad, PP.123-8 AND 197-200 and The Arab-Israeli Wars: <https://doi->

org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1017/CHOL9780521837200.016
Falklands War: reading: <https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1080/04597238208460593> and
<https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/10.1080/04597238208460594>;
<https://apps.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a604347.pdf>

Week 6 – [posted Wednesday 7 June]: The End of Communism in Eastern Europe; The Collapse of the Soviet Union; The War in Ukraine; The Cold War at the Movies III

READING:

WESTAD, CHAPTERS 9, 10 AND CONCLUSION

'NOW OR NEVER': THE IMMEDIATE ORIGINS OF PUTIN'S PREVENTATIVE WAR ON UKRAINE |

JOURNAL OF MILITARY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES (JMSS.ORG) [LINK]

HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT VLADIMIR PUTIN WILL BE ABLE TO CLAIM SOME SORT OF VICTORY IN UKRAINE? AN ASSESSMENT BASED ON EVENTS FROM FEBRUARY - EARLY NOVEMBER 2022 |

JOURNAL OF MILITARY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES (JMSS.ORG) [LINK]

[Week 7 – Wednesday 14 June]: Final test

Please note that the above class outline is provisional and may be subject to modification.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPEARS ON ALL DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY COURSE OUTLINES

Departmental Grading System

The following percentage-to-letter grade conversion scheme is used in all Canadian Studies, History, and Latin American Studies courses, except for HTST 200.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
90-100	A+	4.00	Outstanding performance
85-89	A	4.00	Excellent performance
80-84	A-	3.70	Approaching excellent performance
77-79	B+	3.30	Exceeding good performance
73-76	B	3.00	Good performance
70-72	B-	2.70	Approaching good performance
67-69	C+	2.30	Exceeding satisfactory performance
63-66	C	2.00	Satisfactory performance
60-62	C-	1.70	Approaching satisfactory performance.
56-59	D+	1.30	Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject
50-55	D	1.00	Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
0-49	F	0	Failure. Did not meet course requirements.

Please Note: Students are expected to reach the grade range to receive that letter grade (ie. to receive an A- a student will have earned an 80 or 3.7 in the course). Assume that there will be no rounding up unless a faculty member announces otherwise.

Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- For program advising in the Faculty of Arts, contact the [Arts Students Centre](#) (ASC).
- For questions about admissions, student awards, common registration issues, financial aid and student fees, contact [Enrolment Services](#)
- Sometimes unexpected circumstances may affect your schedule. You can change your registration during the course change period. Please see the [Registration Changes and Exemption Requests](#) page.

Attention history majors: History 300 is a required course for all history majors. You should normally take this course in your second year.

Writing

All written assignments and written exam responses are assessed partly on writing skills. Writing skills include surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) and general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented according to the format described in [The History Student's Handbook](#).

Academic Misconduct

Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For more information, please see the University of Calgary [Student Academic Misconduct Policy](#) documents, and visit the [Academic Integrity Website](#).

Plagiarism

Plagiarism occurs when students submit or present the ideas and/or writing of others as if they were their own or when they submit their own work to two different classes. Please see [The History Student's Handbook](#) for more details, but to summarize, plagiarism may take several forms:

- Failing to cite sources properly
- Submitting borrowed, purchased, and/or ghostwritten papers
- Submitting one's own work for more than one course without the permission of the instructor(s) involved
- Extensive paraphrasing of one or a few sources, even when referenced properly, unless the essay is a critical analysis of those works

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence, and written work that appears to contain plagiarized passages will not be graded. All such work will be reported to the Faculty of Art's associate deans of students who will apply the penalties specified in [the university calendar](#).

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the [Student Accommodations policy](#). Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the [Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities](#). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [Student Accessibility Services](#).

Research Ethics

Students are advised that any research with human subjects – including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation – must have the approval of the [Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board](#). In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

Instructor Intellectual Property

Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be

reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

Copyright Legislation

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on [Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright](#) and requirements of [the Copyright Act](#) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under [the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy](#).

Copyright of Educational Materials

The University of Calgary has opted out of the Access Copyright Interim Tariff proposed by the Copyright Board. Therefore, instructors in all University of Calgary courses will strictly adhere to Copyright Act regulations and the educational exceptions permitted by the Act for both print and digital course material. No copyrighted material may be placed on course D2L or web sites without the prior permission of the copyright holders. In some cases, this may mean that instructors will require you to purchase a print course pack from the University of Calgary bookstore or consult books on reserve at the library. Please see the [University of Calgary copyright page](#).

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Student information will be collected in accordance with usual classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty and teaching assistants. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard.

Media Recording

The instructor may use media recordings to record the delivery of a lecture for various reasons, including lecture capture and self-assessment. Students will be informed of media recordings in advance and the recording device will be fixed on the instructor. In the event that incidental student participation is recorded, the instructor will ensure that any identifiable content (video or audio) is masked, or will seek consent from identifiable students, before making a recording available to the class.

Media Recording for the Assessment of Student Learning

The instructor may use media recordings as part of the assessment of students, by prior arrangement. This may include but is not limited to classroom discussions, presentations, clinical practice, or skills testing that occur during the course. These recordings will be used for student assessment purposes only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Sexual Violence Policy

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and

timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see [the sexual and gender-based violence policy](#).

Other Useful Information

Please see the Registrar's [Course Outline Student Support and Resources](#) page for information on:

- Wellness and Mental Health
- Student Success
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk

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