



HIST 210: THE SPACE RACE

Mondays & Wednesdays from 7:00-10:00 p.m.
in the Barnes Electronic Classroom in Hewes Library

Dr. Myers' Fall 2017 Office Hours (Wallace Hall, Rm. 8)
Mondays & Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. ...Fridays & other
times by appointment... x2208 or cmyers@monmouthcollege.edu

Course Description

From the 1950s through the 1980s the United States and Soviet Union competed in all aspects of life. One of the most remarkable was their push to develop rocket and satellite technologies that would enable them to dominate outer space. Both nations invested massive amounts of money in math and science education in order to outdo the other. Propaganda intended to teach the citizenry about the value of space exploration found its way into all aspects of life, especially cinema.

Required Course Materials

There is no textbook for this course, as the films shown in class will serve as your primary "text" for consideration. Additional readings and resources will be handed out, e-mailed, or made available at the course website: <http://cdmyers.info/SpaceRace.html>

Evaluation & Class Participation

Attendance & Staying Awake – 20% (6.25 pts. per class period, including the Final Exam)
Paper #1: WWII to the Moon Landing – 20% (Wednesday 1 November)
Paper #2: After Détente – 20% (Monday 20 November)
Paper #3: Post-Cold War – 20% (Wednesday 6 December)
Final Exam – 20% (Saturday 9 December @ 6:30 p.m.)

Without question you should be in class every day, ready to learn. Should you fall ill, break your leg, or have another serious dilemma that prevents your attendance, you are responsible for politely asking a classmate if you can **HAND-COPY** their notes (do not forget to say thank you!). Additionally, you should set up a time to go over missed material with Dr. Myers at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please note: All assignments must be completed for you to earn a passing grade in this course. You will lose 10 pts. per day that a paper is late. And as a reminder to History majors, you must earn a C- or higher to count this course toward your major. You should also keep in mind that you will lose 10 pts. per day an assignment is late/exam is taken late.

Grading Scale

A = 100%-93%	B = 86.9%-83%	C = 76.9%-73%	D = 66.9%-63%
A- = 92.9%-90%	B- = 82.9%-80%	C- = 72.9%-70%	D- = 62.9%-60%
B+ = 89.9%-87%	C+ = 79.9%-77%	D+ = 69.9%-67%	F = below 60%

Course work expectations – Hours per week...

...in class = 6 hours ...reviewing notes/working on papers = 4 hours. Total hours per week = 10 hours.

!!! Important Notes !!!

Please silence all cell phones before class starts, and leave them in your bag/coat/purse...so no Snapchatting, texting, or Tweeting, etc. at any time either! During tests, you may not have on headphones of any type, for any reason.

Students at Monmouth are all expected to read and abide by the Scots Guide Student Handbook (available online at <http://www.monmouthcollege.edu/life/residence-life/scots-guide>), and should pay special attention to the Academic Regulations dealing with Academic Honesty and violations thereof, listed below in bold (*with my comments following each*):

1. **Cheating on tests, labs, etc;** (*This includes bringing in cheat sheets in any form, looking at a neighbor's test, talking during the test, or accessing online materials during a test.*)
2. **Plagiarism, i.e., using the words, ideas, writing, or work of another without giving appropriate credit;** (*You will get a citation guide with your paper assignments that you should be able to follow easily. If you have any questions about how to cite a source at anytime, be sure to ask!*)
3. **Improper collaboration between students, i.e., not doing one's own work on outside assignments specified as group projects by the instructor;** (*If you have questions about when studying together becomes "improper collaboration" be sure to ask. As a general rule, you should make sure you separate yourself from your classmates before you start writing an assignment so that you can be certain it is in your own words and no one else's.*)
4. **Submitting work previously submitted in another course, without previous authorization by the instructor.** (*If you have done an assignment in another course that you think would work well for one in this course, it is not inconceivable that I would give you permission to reuse it...with revisions. Set up a time with me to discuss/negotiate the possibility.*)

All instructors at Monmouth are required to follow the procedures noted in the Student Handbook in regard to violations of the Academic Honesty Policy. It is incumbent upon you to remember the final portion of the Philosophical Statement regarding Academic Honesty: "Any breach of the academic honesty policy – either intentionally or unintentionally - will be taken seriously and may result not only in failure in the course, but in suspension or expulsion from the College. It is each student's responsibility to read, understand and comply with the general academic honesty policy at Monmouth College, as defined here in the Scots Guide, and to the specific guidelines for each course, as elaborated on the professor's syllabus."

Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should speak with Dr. Myers during the first two weeks of class and get in touch with the Teaching and Learning Center on the 2nd floor of Poling Hall, 309-457-2257.

If you have questions or concerns at any point during the course, please come to see me during office hours or make an appointment with me to have a discussion. I am better able to help you learn if I know what help you need.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Movie shown...
Monday 16 October 17	<i>Destination Moon</i> (1950)
Wednesday 18 October 17	<i>When Worlds Collide</i> (1951)
Monday 23 October 17	<i>Forbidden Planet</i> (1956)
Wednesday 25 October 17	<i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> (1968)
Monday 30 October 17	<i>Marooned</i> (1969)
Wednesday 1 November 17	<i>Capricorn One</i> (1977) *Paper #1 Due*
Monday 6 November 17	<i>The Right Stuff</i> (1983)
Wednesday 8 November 17	<i>2010</i> (1984)
Monday 13 November 17	<i>War Games</i> (1983)
Wednesday 15 November 17	<i>Space Camp</i> (1986)
Monday 20 November 17	<i>October Sky</i> (1999) *Paper #2 Due*
Wednesday 22 November 17	No class...Happy Thanksgiving!
Monday 27 November 17	<i>Apollo 13</i> (1995)
Wednesday 29 November 17	<i>From the Earth to the Moon</i> (1998)
Monday 4 December 17	<i>Race to Space</i> (2001)
Wednesday 6 December 17	<i>Hidden Figures</i> (2016) *Paper #3 Due*
Saturday 9 December 17	Final Exam @ 6:30 p.m.