

**HIS 206: World History
Sections 01-04**

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The full title of this course is **Premodern World History**, and that describes what we are going to consider: the history of the world up to about 1500. This reflects the assumptions that the world has a history (as opposed to simply being the location of numerous separate histories), that there are distinct global developments over time, and that it is meaningful to view these in the broadest terms. Students should acquire a grasp of the basic patterns of human history up the early modern period. Our text, *Ways of the World. A Brief Global History*, vol. 1, by Robert W. Strayer will be our primary resource, and we will be reading it closely. Lectures will provide further explanation and, at times, supplementary details, but will follow Strayer's organizational structure and interpretive approach. Occasionally internet resources add to the text and lecture material.

Associated with the text is a website www.bedfordstmartins.com/strayer with many useful study aids, including outlines for notetaking. We will make particular use of the Margin Review Questions feature which allows students to answer questions appearing in the margins of each chapter and then submit the answers to instructors. In the assignments below, where it says "Answer and submit Margin Review Questions", students are to write answers in the boxes provided for each question, then submit them via email to their respective Teaching Assistants. It will be most helpful to pay attention to the questions as they appear first in the margins of each chapter and to formulate answers as you complete the reading assignment.

All sections meet together for class in Ferguson 100 on Mondays and Fridays. Students meet in their individual Discussion Groups (DG) on Wednesdays in either Eberhart 161 (Sections 01 and 04) or Curry 309 (Sections 02 and 03).

Evaluations will be based on performance on exams (60%) and the various writing assignments (25%) and participation in discussion sections (15%).

Required Text: *Ways of the World. A Brief Global History*, vol. 1, by Robert W. Strayer (= S), available at UNCG Bookstore

Class Schedule/Assignments (reading assignments are to be completed by the time of the class connected with them (e.g., read S 2-20 before class on 8/28).

8/24 Orientation

S xxxv-xliii

8/26 DG Orientation (go to Eberhart 161 or Curry 309 at 9 or 10 a.m depending on your section)

8/28 Peopling the Planet S 2-20; answer and submit Margin Review Questions 1-2

8/31 Paleolithic Patterns S 20-33; Margin Review Questions 3-6

9/2 DG

9/4 Agricultural Revolution S 35-48; Margin Review Questions 1-4

9/7 Holiday

9/9 DG

9/11 Various societies in the Age of the Agricultural Revolution S 49-53; Margin Review Questions 5-6

9/14 Civilization: Mesopotamia-Egypt S 55-85;
http://www.fieldmuseum.org/research_collections/anthropology/anthro_sites/PANC/default.htm (Norte Chico); Margin Review Questions 1-3, 8-9

9/16 DG

9/18 Elsewhere I: India <http://www.harappa.com/har/har0.html>

9/21 Elsewhere II: China

9/23 DG

9/25 FIRST EXAM

9/28 Classical Empires S 86-123; Margin Review Questions 1-9

9/30 DG

10/2 Social Patterns S 155-179; Margin Review Questions 1-8

10/5 Foundations of Traditions S 125-133; Margin Review Questions 1-3

10/7 DG

10/9 Traditions S 133-138; Margin Review Questions 4-7

10/12 Fall Break

10/14 DG

10/16	Traditions	S 138-152; Margin Review Questions 8-10, 12
10/19	Africa/Americas	S 181-206; Margin Review Questions 1-8
10/21	DG	
10/23	SECOND EXAM	
10/26	3rd Wave Civilizations	S 208-215
10/28	DG	
10/30	Trade	S 216-239; Margin Review Questions 1-11
11/2	China	S 240-252; Margin Review Questions 1-6
11/4	DG	
11/6	China	S 252-267; Margin Review Questions 7-11
11/9	European Christendom	S 268-272; Margin Review Questions 1-4
11/11	DG	
11/13	European Christendom	S 282-298; Margin Review Questions 5-10
11/16	Islam	S 300-316; Margin Review Questions 1-8
11/18	DG	
11/20	Islam	S 316-330; Margin Review Questions 9-12
11/23	Mongols	S 332-347; Margin Review Questions 1-6
11/25-27	Thanksgiving	
11/30	Mongols	S 348-361; Margin Review Questions 7-12 (12 = 9 on web page list)
12/2	DG	
12/4	15th Century (East meets West)	S 362-378; Margin Review Questions 1-5
12/7	15th Century	S 379-394; Margin Review Questions 6-11
12/16	8-11 a.m FINAL EXAM	

