

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

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All sections meet together for class in Library 32 (also known as Jarrell Lecture Hall) on Mondays and Fridays. Students meet in their individual Discussion Groups (DG) on Wednesdays in Curry 244 (Section 01), Curry 305 (Section 03), or Bryan 206 (Sections 02 and 04).

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

The full title of this course is Pre-modern 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 as a whole has a history (as opposed to numerous separate histories), that there are distinct *global* developments over time which are shared by or affect numerous peoples throughout the world, and that it is meaningful to view these in the broadest terms rather than as part of regional or national histories. 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](http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/strayer) with many useful study aids, including outlines for note taking. 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. Access these questions by going to [www.bedfordstmartins.com/strayer](http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/strayer). The page will say "Welcome to Your Student Center" and display a list of chapters. Click on the appropriate chapter (we start the assignments with Chapter 1). You should investigate the various sites on the menu for useful study materials, but for the writing assignment, scroll down to "Margin Review Questions" and click on it. Then click on the second option ("If not, click here..."). You are going to submit these writing assignments in hard copy form directly to your Discussion Group leaders. This will bring up the Margin Review Questions for each chapter. There are typically several. We will usually do more than one for each chapter, but not all of them and not necessarily the first or second that appear on the list, so pay attention to precisely which Margin Review Questions are assigned. You can use the arrow at the bottom of the box to scroll to successive questions. Margin Review Questions appear initially in the margins of the textbook, so you will actually encounter them first as you are reading the text. This will allow you to note answers

to them as you are doing the reading assignment. Your answers should typically be a paragraph or two in length. You do not need to use separate sheets for each Margin Review Question answer, but write the number of the question and copy out the question as a heading for each of your answers. Submit the completed assignments at the class where the assignments appear on the syllabus—that usually means the Monday before a Wednesday Discussion Group meeting. For example, the first writing assignment appears on 8/27. That means that you are to complete it by 8/27 and turn it in to your Discussion Group leader on 8/27.

Evaluations will be based on performance on exams (60%) and the various writing assignments (25%) and participation in discussion sections (15%). Study guides will be provided before each examination.

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 8/27).

8/23 Orientation	S xxxv-xliii
8/25 DG Orientation (go to Curry 244, Curry 305, or Bryan 206 at 9 or 10 a.m depending on your section)	
8/27 Peopling the Planet	S 2-20; answer and submit Margin Review Questions 1-2
8/30 Paleolithic Patterns	S 20-33; Margin Review Questions 3-6
9/1 DG	
9/3 Agricultural Revolution	S 35-48; Margin Review Questions 1-4
9/6 Holiday	
9/8 DG	
9/10 Various societies in the Age of the Agricultural Revolution	S 49-53; Margin Review Questions 5-6
9/13 Civilization: Mesopotamia-Egypt	S 55-85; <a href="http://www.fieldmuseum.org/research_collections/anthropology/anthro_sites/PANC/default.htm">http://www.fieldmuseum.org/research_collections/anthropology/anthro_sites/PANC/default.htm</a> (Norte Chico); Margin Review Questions 1-3, 8-9
9/15 DG	

<b>9/17</b>	<b>Elsewhere I: India</b>	<a href="http://www.harappa.com/har/har0.html">http://www.harappa.com/har/har0.html</a>
<b>9/20</b>	<b>Elsewhere II: China</b>	
<b>9/22</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>9/24</b>	<b>FIRST EXAM</b>	
<b>9/27</b>	<b>Classical Empires</b>	<b>S 86-123; Margin Review Questions 1-9</b>
<b>9/29</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>10/1</b>	<b>Social Patterns</b>	<b>S 155-179; Margin Review Questions 1-8</b>
<b>10/4</b>	<b>Foundations of Traditions</b>	<b>S 125-133; Margin Review Questions 1-3</b>
<b>10/6</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Traditions</b>	<b>S 133-138; Margin Review Questions 4-7</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>	
<b>10/13</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>10/15</b>	<b>Traditions</b>	<b>S 138-152; Margin Review Questions 8-10, 12</b>
<b>10/18</b>	<b>Africa/Americas</b>	<b>S 181-206; Margin Review Questions 1-8</b>
<b>10/20</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>10/22</b>	<b>SECOND EXAM</b>	
<b>10/25</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wave Civilizations</b>	<b>S 208-215</b>
<b>10/27</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>10/29</b>	<b>Trade</b>	<b>S 216-239; Margin Review Questions 1-11</b>
<b>11/1</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>S 240-252; Margin Review Questions 1-6</b>
<b>11/3</b>	<b>DG</b>	
<b>11/5</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>S 252-267; Margin Review Questions 7-11</b>
<b>11/8</b>	<b>European Christendom</b>	<b>S 268-272; Margin Review Questions 1-4</b>

**11/10 DG**

**11/12 European Christendom S 282-298; Margin Review Questions 5-10**

**11/15 Islam S 300-316; Margin Review Questions 1-8**

**11/17 DG**

**11/19 Islam S 316-330; Margin Review Questions 9-12**

**11/22 Mongols S 332-347; Margin Review Questions 1-6**

**11/24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday**

**11/29 Mongols S 348-361; Margin Review Questions 7-12  
(12 = 9 on web page list)**

**12/1 DG**

**12/3 15<sup>th</sup> Century (East meets West) S 362-378; Margin Review Questions 1-5**

**12/6 15<sup>th</sup> Century S 379-394; Margin Review Questions 6-11**

**12/13 FINAL EXAM 8-11 a.m**