



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO

PRE-MODERN WORLD HISTORY
HIS-206-01/01D / FALL 2016

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Location: Online

Required Texts and Materials: None. Required readings will be found on the Canvas course site.

Hardware and Software Requirements: Writing assignments must be submitted in Microsoft Word.

Course Description:

This course introduces world history from the dawn of civilization to the early modern era. Topics include Eurasian, African, American, and Greco-Roman civilizations and Christian, Islamic and Byzantine cultures. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in pre-modern world civilizations.

Student Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in early world history.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of worldwide cultures and their contributions to the modern world.
3. Examine historical documents and other sources in order to analyze them for information about past cultures.
4. Compare and contrast the development of early human societies around the world.

Course Interaction:

This is a college course and I will expect college-level participation. I will expect academic participation addressed in a courteous and professional manner. Judging inappropriate behavior (cyber bullying, offensive language, etc) will be at the discretion of the instructor. If it becomes an issue, the student will be warned; if it continues, the student may be dropped from the course.

Areas of Evaluation:

- Mid-Term Exam – 15 points
- Final Exam – 15 points
- Research paper – 20 points
- Discussion forums – 50 points

Grading Scale:

A: 93-100	A-: 90-92.99	B+: 87-89.99	B: 83-86.99
B-: 80-82.99	C+: 77-79.99	C: 73-76.99	C-: 70-72.99
D+: 67-69.99	D: 63-66.99	D+: 60-62.99	F: <60

Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance in this class is vital to your success in the course. Your forum, test, and writing grades will be highly dependent upon your ability to come online and successfully complete assignments by the assigned due dates.

Policies on Missed and Late Work:

No late work will be accepted. All deadlines are listed on this syllabus and in Canvas. Failure to turn in work on time will result in a grade of zero (0).

Participation Policy (Forums):

Students are expected to actively participate in all Discussion Forums. For each Forum, in-depth initial posts will be required no later than midnight on Thursday evening of the assigned week; a minimum of two substantial follow-up posts which extend the discourse will be due no later than midnight on Sunday evenings of the assigned week.

Submission Policy (Research Paper):

Writing assignments must be submitted through Canvas using Microsoft Word or a compatible program approved in advance by the instructor. Files submitted in unreadable formats will be scored a 0.

Academic Honesty Statement:

Academic integrity will be practiced in this class when compiling discussion forum posts, taking tests, and preparing research papers and written assignments. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If a student in this class is suspected of cheating, plagiarism, or any act of academic dishonesty, they are subject to the following disciplinary actions; at the discretion of the instructor, the student may receive a zero for the assignment, receive an "F" for the course, and/or be referred to the Dean of Student Affairs for disciplinary action.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

Under the FERPA Act, a college instructor cannot discuss grades or class work with anyone other than the student.

COURSE SCHEDULE (*Schedule is subject to change over the course of the term.*)
For more specific details and due dates, see individual Canvas modules.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Discussion Forum</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>	<u>Quiz/Assignment</u>
<u>Week 1:</u> Aug 22 - 28	Getting Started Origins of Human Society	Icebreaker Forum 1	Syllabus Rubrics Creation Stories	
<u>Week 2:</u> Aug 29 – Sep 4	Bronze Age Mediterranean Civilizations Mediterranean Influences	Forum 2	Hammurabi’s Code Monotheism & Mosaic Law	
<u>Week 3:</u> Sep 5 - 11	Indian & Chinese Civilizations Early African & American Civilizations	Forum 3	Laws of Manu Mandate of Heaven	
<u>Week 4:</u> Sep 12 - 18	Classical Africa & America Classical Persia	Forum 4	Accounts of Meroe & Axum Cyrus Returns the Jews	
<u>Week 5:</u> Sep 19 - 25	Classical South Asia Classical China	Forum 5	Teachings of Buddha Legalism of Han Fei	
<u>Week 6:</u> Sep 26 – Oct 2	Classical Greece	Forum 6	Allegory of the Cave Speech of Alexander the Great	
<u>Week 7:</u> Oct 3 - 9	Classical Rome	Forum 7	Rape of Lucretia Martyrdom of Vibia Perpetua	MID-TERM EXAM: Ancient World & Classical World
<u>Week 8:</u> Oct 10 - 16	Byzantine Empire Islamic World	Forum 8	Christianization of the Kievan Rus Biography of Muhammad	Writing Assignment: Classical Civilizations

<u>Week 9:</u> Oct 17 - 23	Post-Classical Africa & America South Asia	Forum 9	Kingdom of Ghana The Zanj Da Gama in India	
<u>Week 10:</u> Oct 24 - 30	Post-Classical China & East Asia The Mongols	Forum 10	Zheng He Way of the Warrior Marco Polo Travels	
<u>Week 11:</u> Oct 31 - Nov 6	Early Medieval Europe	Forum 11	Conversion of Clovis Charlemagne's Capitulary to Missi	
<u>Week 12:</u> Nov 7 - 13	High Middle Ages	Forum 12	Abelard's Misfortunes Battle of Hastings	
<u>Week 13:</u> Nov 14 - 20	Religious Impulses of the High Middle Ages	Forum 13	Council of Clermont 4 th Lateran Council	
<u>Week 14:</u> Nov 21 - 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING BREAK	THANKSGIVING BREAK
<u>Week 15:</u> Nov 28 - Dec 4	Late Middle Ages	Forum 14	Demographic Catastrophe Wat Tyler's Revolt Two Worlds Collide	
<u>Week 16:</u> Dec 5 - 9				Final Exam: Post-Classical World & Medieval Europe