



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO

PRE-MODERN WORLD HISTORY
HIS-206-01/01D -- FALL 2017

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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 (GHP.GL.GPM):

After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Use a historical approach to analyze and contextualize primary and secondary sources representing divergent perspectives.
2. Use evidence to interpret the past coherently, orally and/or in writing.
3. Find, interpret, and evaluate information on diverse cultures.
4. Describe interconnections among regions of the world.
5. Use diverse cultural frames of reference and alternative perspectives to analyze issues.

Statement on an Online Learning Environment:

When choosing to take a course online, it is necessary that the student understand that it is his or her responsibility to ensure that they have a) sufficiently robust equipment, b) stable and adequate Internet service, and c) the time management and self-discipline skills necessary to submit work in a timely manner. Technology issues will not be accepted as explanations for late or missing assignments.

GRADING:

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

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) in forum posts, email correspondence, or any other medium 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.

CLASS POLICIES AND STATEMENTS:

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.

Withdrawal Policy:

The last day a student may withdraw from this course without incurring a grade of WF is Monday, October 9, 2017.

Policies on Missed and Late Work:

No late work will be accepted under any circumstances. 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. *Two exceptions to this rule this semester will come with Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break. Special instructions for these forums will be available in Canvas as those modules open.*

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.

Accessibility Statement:

Any student desiring an accommodation for a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who seeks accessibility assistance should contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) at <https://ods.uncg.edu/>.

Technical Support Statement:

Any student desiring assistance in the area of technology support should contact the Technology Support Center, <https://its.uncg.edu/tsc/>.

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.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:**History Department Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/UNCGDepartmentofHistory/>

History Department Website:

<https://his.uncg.edu/>

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>Test/Assignment</u>
<u>Week 1:</u> Aug 15 - 20	Getting Started	Icebreaker	Syllabus Rubrics	
<u>Week 2:</u> Aug 21 - 27	Origins of Human Society	Forum 1	Creation Stories	
<u>Week 3:</u> Aug 28 – Sep 3	Bronze Age Mediterranean Civilizations Mediterranean Influences	Forum 2	Hammurabi’s Code Monotheism & Mosaic Law	
<u>Week 4:</u> Sep 4 - 10	Indian & Chinese Civilizations Early African & American Civilizations	Forum 3	Laws of Manu Mandate of Heaven	
<u>Week 5:</u> Sep 11 - 17	Classical Africa & America Classical Persia	Forum 4	Accounts of Meroe & Axum Cyrus Returns the Jews	
<u>Week 6:</u> Sep 18 - 24	Classical South Asia Classical China	Forum 5	Teachings of Buddha Legalism of Han Fei	
<u>Week 7:</u> Sep 25 – Oct 1	Classical Greece	Forum 6	Allegory of the Cave Speech of Alexander the Great	
<u>Week 8:</u> Oct 2 – 6 (*)	Classical Rome	Forum 7 (no follow-up posts required this week)	Rape of Lucretia Martyrdom of Vibia Perpetua	MID-TERM EXAM: Ancient World & Classical World

<u>Week 9:</u> Oct 9 - 15	Byzantine Empire Islamic World	Forum 8	Christianization of the Kievan Rus Biography of Muhammad	
<u>Week 10:</u> Oct 16 - 22	Post-Classical Africa & America South Asia	Forum 9	Kingdom of Ghana The Zanj Da Gama in India	Writing Assignment: Classical Civilizations
<u>Week 11:</u> Oct 23 - 29	Post-Classical China & East Asia The Mongols	Forum 10	Zheng He Way of the Warrior Marco Polo Travels	
<u>Week 12:</u> Oct 30 - Nov 5	Early Medieval Europe	Forum 11	Conversion of Clovis Charlemagne's Capitulary to Missi	
<u>Week 13:</u> Nov 6 - 12	High Middle Ages	Forum 12	Abelard's Misfortunes Battle of Hastings	
<u>Week 14:</u> Nov 13 - 19	Religious Impulses of the High Middle Ages	Forum 13	Council of Clermont 4 th Lateran Council	
<u>Week 15:</u> Nov 20 - 29 (*)	Late Middle Ages	Forum 14	Demographic Catastrophe Wat Tyler's Revolt Two Worlds Collide	
<u>Week 16:</u> Nov 30 - Dec 1				Final Exam: Post-Classical World & Medieval Europe