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Course: History, World Civilizations
Time: M-W-F, 11:00am – 3:00pm
Place: Henry Hall 121
Semester: Summer I 1999

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World Cultures in Perspective

Texts: McKay, Hill, Buckler, A History of World Societies, vol. I, 4th ed.

Scope of the Course: This course will attempt to study the origins, development, achievements, transformations, and passing of several of the world’s major civilizations to about 1600. We will sample broadly from various regions, however, our emphasis will not necessarily be chronological or even a simple narration of “facts” and dates. Rather, we shall focus upon a critical examination of the key social, cultural, political and economic practices and institutions that allowed past societies to comprehend and confront such universal concerns as survival, government, law, gender, relations, the nature of God(s) and the pursuit of a better life.

Readings: More than anything else, this course is designed around readings and discussions. Students should come to each class meeting with the reading assignment completed and with a willingness to engage in a lively discussion that focuses on the themes and content of the reading.

Requirements: There are several requirements for this course. In addition to keeping up with the background readings in the McKay, Hill and Buckler text, there are six short articles drawn from the fields of biography and social and cultural history; you are expected to read and write on each of the articles. The writing requirements for these readings consists of a 1 to 2 page essay that addresses key thematic concerns or questions raised by the topics being examined. I will identify these concerns for you well in advance of the assignment’s date. These essays are to be typed as well. There will also be two examinations, the midterm and the final. These examinations will focus on key concepts covered and shall not be cumulative, in that, material on the final will consists of topics covered after the midterm.

Grading: Each of the examinations is worth 200 points. The six article writings are worth 25 points each for a total of 150 points. Class participation shall account for 50 points of your grade as well. In all, the total number of points achievable are 600. Those students who accumulate 560-600 points will earn an A; 520-559, a B; 480-519, a C, and 440-479, a D. Any students earning less than 440 points will receive an F for the course. Please note that all written assignments must be handed in on time. Those not done so shall receive a 10-point deduction per day late. For any work not turned in there shall be penalized a loss of points double the face value of the assignment.

Attendance: Students are expected to be on time and in attendance at all class sessions. For each class missed there shall be a ten-point penalty assessed.

Schedule of classes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
May 17	introduction to class * first handout, paper and discussion on 5/21	text 2-18
18	Urbanization of man and Mesopotamia	text 18-30
19	<i>Greatest Pharos of Egypt</i> video	text 30-39
20	Egypt, the Hittites, and the fall of empires	text 40-62
21	Migrations, Israel and Assyria *discuss handout 1 & first paper due *handout 2, paper and discussion on 5/28	text 64-74
24	The Tamers, Aryans, and India's spirituality	text 74-86
25	Spirituality continued and India vs. the West	text 90-114
26	The rise of China	text 116-128
27	Greece through the Lyric Age	text 129-146
28	*discuss handout 2 & paper due *handout 3, due 6/4	
31	Memorial Day, no class	
June 1	Classical Greece	text 148-159
2	Alexander the Great, Economics and Religion	text 161-170
3	Greek Philosophy, Science and Medicine	text 172-193
4	When in Rome.... *discuss handout 3 *handout 4, due 6/11	text 194-212
7	<u>Midterm</u>	
8	The rise of Christianity in Europe	text 228-244
9	German migration and the Byzantine Empire	text 246-282
10	The rise of Islam	text 310-342
11	India and the golden age of China and Japan *discuss handout 4 & paper due *handout 5, due	text 335-342
14	movie on Buddhism	text 334-361
15	Charlemagne and feudalism in the early middle age	text 362-392

16	revival and the birth of the modern state in Europe	text 394-417
17	the Middle Ages in Medieval Europe	text 418-438
18	Middle Age Europe continued *discuss handout 5 & paper due *handout 6, due 6/2	text 466-510
21	Renaissance and the Reformation	text 514-554
June 22	European expansion and religious wars	text 556-592
June 23	Absolutism vs. constitutionalism in Europe	study for final
June 24	catch up pa'ina & study session for final * discuss handout 6 & paper due	study for final
June 25	final exam	