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**Course:** History, World Civilizations 15261  
**Time:** M-W-F, 9:00 – 9:50  
**Place:** Henry Hall 125  
**Semester:** Fall Day 1999

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### World Cultures in Perspective

**Texts:** McKay, Hill, Buckler, A History of World Societies, vol. II, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Scope of the Course:** This course will 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. You 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, you are required to read six short articles drawn from the fields of biography and social and cultural history; you are expected to write on four of the articles. The writing requirements for these readings consist 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 and double-spaced. 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 consist of topics covered after the midterm. In addition, each student is required to maintain a course binder in which all lecture notes, handouts, writing assignments and other materials relating to this course are kept. Periodically I will examine your notebooks.

**Grading:** Your examinations are worth 200 points each. The four writings are worth 25 points each for a total of 100 points. In all, the total number of points achievable is 500. The class grading goes as follows:

A = 500-450                      C = 399-350  
B = 449-400                      D = 349-300

Any students who earn less than 300 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 a penalty of 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.

### **Class Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>In-Class</u></b>
Week 1	Introductions
Aug 30- Sept 3	Lecture: Reformation European Expansion Read: chapter 16
Week 2 Sept 6-10	Lecture: Absolutism vs. Constitutionalism in Europe Read: chapter 17 <b>Handout</b>
Week 3 Sept 13-17	Lecture: Changing Views in the West The Changing life of the People of Europe Read: chapters 18 and 19
Week 4 Sept 20-24	Lecture: Africa, 1400-1800 The Middle East and India, 1450-1800 Read: chapters 20 and 21 <b>Handout</b>
Week 5 Sept 27- Oct 1	Lecture: China and Japan 1400-1800 Read: chapter 22
Week 6 Oct 4-8	Lecture: The revolution in Western Politics, 1775-1815 Read: chapter 23 <b>Handout</b>
Week 7 Oct 11-15	<b>Midterm</b> Lecture: The Industrial Revolution Read: chapter 24
Week 8 Oct 18-22	Lecture: Ideologies and Upheavals Read: chapters 25 <b>Handout</b>
Week 9 Oct 25-29	Lecture: Nationalism the World and the West Read: 26 and 27

Week 10 Nov 1-5	Lecture: Nation Building Read: chapter 28 <b>Handout</b>
Week 11 Nov 8-12	Lecture: War and Revolution Read: chapter 29 <b>Handout</b>
Week 12 Nov 15-19	Lecture: Nationalism in Asia and Anxiety in the West <b>Read: chapters 30 and 31</b>
Week 13 Nov 22-26	Lecture: The Second World War Read: chapter 32
Week 14 Nov 29- Dec 3	Lecture: Recovery and Crisis after the War Read: chapter 32
Week 15 Dec 6-10	Lecture: The world in perspective Review
Monday Dec 13	<b>Final Exam</b> <b>Henry 225 – 10:30-12:30</b>