

HE 15 202

**Course:** History, World Civilizations**Time:** M-W-F, 10:00 – 10:50**Place:** Henry Hall 121**Semester:** Fall Day 2000**Instructor:** Frank Bailey**Number:** office: 735-4888**Office Hours:** M-W-F 2:00-3:00  
or by appointment

## World Cultures in Perspective

**Texts:** Adler, *World Civilizations*, vol. I, 2<sup>nd</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 from about the 1600's till modern times. 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.

**Course Objectives:** Through the examination of past societies this course will allow you to:

- Develop a better understanding of how different cultures have approached the universal challenges of survival and prosperity
- Develop and comprehend how history is not simply things that happened in the past, but the **study** of a knowable past and there for greatly impacted by the perspectives and ideologies of the present
- Comprehend how history contributes to and defines the present
- Develop a better understanding of the histories of various and diverse regions from across the globe
- Better develop your writing skills as a college level student

**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 biographical, 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 to the readings, essays, and exams, each student will also be responsible for meeting with me 3 times during the semester. These meetings are more for my benefit so that I can gauge the success of the course throughout the semester as well as to allow you, the student, a chance to ask any questions you might have.

**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**

Week 1 Aug 27-31	Introductions Lecture: Review European Expansion Read: chapter 16
Week 2 Sept 3-7	Lecture: Absolutism vs. Constitutionalism in Europe read: chapter 17 Handout
Week 3 Sept 10-14	Lecture: Changing Views in the West The Changing life of the People of Europe Read: chapters 18 and 19
Week 4 Sept 17-21	Lecture: Africa, 1400-1800 The Middle East and India, 1450-1800 Read: chapters 20 and 21 handout
Week 5 Sept 24-28	Lecture: China and Japan 1400-1800 Read: chapter 22

Week 6            Lecture: The revolution in Western Politics, 1775-1815  
Oct 1-5            Read: chapter 23  
                         handout

Week 7            **Midterm**  
Oct 8-12          Lecture: The Industrial Revolution  
                         Read: chapter 24

Week 8            Lecture: Ideologies and Upheavals  
Oct 15-19          Read: chapters 25  
                         handout

Week 9            Lecture: Nationalism the World and the West  
Oct 22-26          Read: 26 and 27

Week 10           Lecture: Nation Building  
Oct 29-            Read: chapter 28  
Nov 2              handout

Week 11           Revolutions  
Nov 5-9            Read: chapter 29

Week 12           Lecture: War and Revolution  
Nov 12-16          Read: chapter 29  
                         handout

Week 13           Lecture: Nationalism in Asia and Anxiety in the West  
Nov 19-23          Read: chapters 30 and 31

Week 14           Lecture: The Second World War  
Nov 26-30          Read: chapter 32

Week 15           Lecture: Recovery and Crisis after the War  
Dec 3-7            Read: chapter 32

Week 16           Lecture: The world in perspective  
Dec 10-14          Review

**Final Exam    To be announced**