

SD '00

Pre

Course: History, World Civilizations H I 15201 +02

Time: M-W-F, 8:00 – 8:50 & 9:00 – 9:50

Place: Henry Hall 121

Semester: Spring Day 1999

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World Cultures in Perspective

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

Course Objectives: In this course we will develop an appreciation for world cultures and politics while we grapple with the importance of these cultures within a global context. More importantly, while gaining a better understanding of the world we live in this course is focused on developing critical skills that are necessary for your further development as a student and a person within this increasingly global community. As such the goal of this course is to develop better **critical reading, analytical reasoning and persuasive writing skills** while studying world history.

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

Week 1	Introductions
Jan 18-21	Lecture: European Expansion Read: chapter 16
Week 2	Lecture: Absolutism vs. Constitutionalism in Europe
Jan 24-28	Read: chapter 17 Handout
Week 3	Lecture: Changing Views in the West
Jan 31-Feb 4	The Changing life of the People of Europe Read: chapters 18 and 19
Week 4	Lecture: Africa, 1400-1800
Feb 7-11	The Middle East and India, 1450-1800 Read: chapters 20 and 21 Handout
Week 5	Lecture: China and Japan 1400-1800
Feb 14-18	Read: chapter 22
Week 6	Lecture: The revolution in Western Politics, 1775-1815
Feb 21-25	Read: chapter 23 Handout
Week 7	Midterm
Feb 28-March 3	Lecture: The Industrial Revolution

Read: chapter 24

Week 8 Lecture: Ideologies and Upheavals
March 6-10 Read: chapters 25
 Handout

Week 9 Lecture: Nationalism the World and the West
March 13-17 Read: 26 and 27

Week 10 Lecture: Nation Building
March 20-24 Read: chapter 28
 Handout

Week 11 **Spring Break**
March 27-31

Week 12 Lecture: War and Revolution
April 3-7 Read: chapter 29
 Handout

Week 13 Lecture: Nationalism in Asia and Anxiety in the West
April 10-14 Read: chapters 30 and 31

Week 14 Lecture: The Second World War
April 17-21 Read: chapter 32

Week 15 Lecture: Recovery and Crisis after the War
April 24-28 Read: chapter 32

Week 16 Lecture: The world in perspective
May 1-5 Review

May 11 Final Exam
Henry 221 – 8:00-10:00