

**Course:** HI 152-World Civilizations

**Time:** M-W-F 10:00-10:50

**Place:** Henry Hall 125

**Semester:** Fall Day 2002

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**World Cultures in Perspective**

**Texts:** Brummett, Edgar, Hackett, Jewsbury, Taylor, Bailkey, Lewis, Wallbank, *Civilizations: Past & Present Concise Version*. Volume II-From 1300

**Scope of the Course:** This course will study the origins, development, achievements, transformations, and passing of several of the world's major civilizations from the 1600's till the present day. 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

In addition, 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 this course also seeks to develop better

- Critical thinking
- Comprehensive reading,
- Analytical reasoning
- and persuasive writing skills

while studying world history. Also, this course will seek to introduce the core ideologies, like Marxism, Modernism, and Feminism, that define the study and doing of 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 textbook, you are required to read 4 short articles drawn from the fields of biography and social and cultural history. **You are expected to write on these four 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 3 examinations, which include 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.

**Grading:** Your examinations are worth 100 points each. The four writings are worth 50 points each for a total of 200 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  
Aug 26-30                  Lecture: Review  
                                    Lecture: The Islamic Gunpowder Empires 1300-1650  
                                    Read: Chapter 11

Week 2                      Lecture: The Pacific Rim 1300-1600  
Sept 2-6                      Reading: Chapter 12  
                                    Lecture: The Renaissance 1300-1600  
                                    Reading: Chapter 13  
                                    **Handout**

Week 3                      Lecture: The Christian Reformation  
Sept 9-13                      Reading: Chapter 14



- Lecture: Global Encounters 1300-1600  
Reading: Chapter 15
- Week 4  
Sept 16-20  
Lecture: Global Encounters 1600-1800  
Reading: Chapter 16  
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- Week 5  
Sept 23-27  
Lecture: European Political Chaos in an Age of Change  
Reading: Chapter 17  
Lecture: The Scientific Revolution  
Reading: Chapter 18
- Week 6  
Sept 30-  
Oct 4  
Lecture: The French and Napoleonic Revolutions  
Reading: Chapter 19  
**Handout**
- Week 7  
Oct 7-11  
Lecture: Western Economic Domination & the Rise of the Middle Class  
Reading: Chapter 20
- Week 8  
Oct 14-18  
Lecture: Power Politics in the Western World  
Reading: Chapter 21  
Lecture: Africa and the Middle East  
Reading: Chapter 22  
**Handout**
- Week 9  
Oct 21-25  
Lecture: Four Faces of Imperialism  
Reading: Chapter 23  
Lecture: Birth of Modern Warfare  
Reading: Chapter 24
- Week 10  
Oct 28-  
Nov 1  
Lecture: Authoritarian Alternatives  
**Midterm**
- Week 11  
Nov 4-8  
Lecture: Western Weakness, Diplomatic Failure and WWII  
Reading: Chapter 26
- Week 12  
Nov 11-15  
Lecture: Emerging National Movements in Asia and Africa  
Reading: Chapter 27
- Week 13  
Nov 18-22  
Lecture: The Bipolar World and Decolonization  
Reading: Chapter 28
- Week 14  
Nov 25-29  
Lecture: The Capitalist World Since 1945  
Reading: Chapter 29

Week 15      Lecture: The Developing World Since 1945  
Dec 2-6      Reading: Chapter 30

Week 16      Lecture: The world in perspective  
Dec 9-13     Review

**Final Exam    To be announced**

This is a tentative schedule subject to change.