

Eastern Oregon University
Course Syllabus

Number of Course: HIST 111

Name of Course: World History to 1500

Catalog Description: Surveys world history from Neolithic times to the Columbian Exchange. Includes the development of Eurasian empires in India, China, Africa and Persia; the influence of Buddhism and Confucianism in Central and East Asia; the growth of Islam; the effects of Mongol conquest; and the relationship of early Western civilization to Asia and Africa.

Credit Hours: 5

Required Texts or Suggested Materials:

<http://eou.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/TBWizardView?catalogId=10001&langId=-1&storeId=87851>

Prerequisites: None

Learning Outcomes:

1. Be able to discuss specific characteristics of the various world civilizations covered in the course, including cultural, intellectual and political attributes.
2. Demonstrate an ability to compare the values of different cultures based on historical evidence.
3. Demonstrate a basic level of global geographic literacy.
4. Analyze the role of science and technology in the different civilizations covered and to explain what those roles tells us about a society.
5. Demonstrate mastery of a basic timeline for world civilizations covered in the course.

Course Requirements and Means of Assessment:

Assignment 1: Document analysis (due week 4). This assignment will be used to assess the GE learning outcome for critical thinking. Details on the document will be handed out in class in week 2.

Assignment 2: Weekly reading summaries. Each week you will read a selection of primary sources related to our broader topic. Abstracts of these documents are due in class each Friday.

Assignment 3: Midterm Exam

Assignment 4: Final Exam

Grading Policies:

Your grade is based on the following final percentages: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D. Below 60 is an F.

Brief Outline of Course:

III. Class Outline – (Note: these are not necessarily dealt with in this order)

- I. Deep history- 500 B.C.E.

- A. Introduction: what history is
 - B. The Agricultural Revolutions
 - C. Emergence of the First Societies
 - D. Rise of the State
 - E. Mesopotamia and Egypt
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- II. 500 B.C.E.—500 C.E. The Classical Era
 - A. Greco-Persian Wars
 - B. Classical Greece
 - C. Alexander and the Hellenistic Era
 - D. Comparing Empires: Rome, China, India
 - E. South Asian Religion
 - F. Monotheism in the Middle East
 - G. Slavery and Society

- III. 500 C.E.—1500 C.E. The Age of Connections
- A. The Americas
 - 1. Mesoamerica
 - 2. the Andes
 - 3. North America
- B. Africa
 - 1. East Africa and Swahili Civilization
 - 2. Trade and Empire in West Africa
- C. Commercial Exchanges across Eurasia
- D. Commercial Exchanges across the Indian Ocean
- E. Reemergence of a Unified China

General Education Category and Outcomes (SSC)

This course fulfills the GE requirement for SSC and emphasizes the following GE learning outcomes:

1. **CONTENT KNOWLEDGE:** Demonstrate increased vocabulary, content, and conceptual knowledge in a variety of disciplines.
This learning outcome will be assessed through the final exam for the course.
2. **CRITICAL THINKING:** Demonstrate the ability to identify and explain issues, recognize contexts and assumptions, acknowledge multiple perspectives, evaluate evidence to reach conclusions.
This learning outcomes will be assessed through the document analysis assignment in week 4. This assignment requires you to read and analyze a primary source related to the rise of Islam.

University Writing Requirement: N/A

Writing Center Statements:

For on-campus courses

The Writing Center provides a place — physical or virtual — where every EOU writer can find an interested, responsive reader. Writing tutorials are free of charge for EOU's undergraduate and graduate students who are writing for any course at any level, or who are writing resumes, job letters, graduate applications, and more. Go to eou.mywconline.com to schedule an appointment in the Writing Center (Loso Hall 234).

For online or on-site courses

The Writing Center provides a place — physical or virtual — where every EOU writer can find an interested, responsive reader. Writing tutorials are free of charge for EOU students writing for any undergraduate course. Go to [EOU's eTutoring page](#) to submit a paper to a writing tutor.

For graduate courses

The Writing Center provides a place — physical or virtual — where every EOU writer can find an interested, responsive reader. Writing tutorials are free of charge for EOU students writing for any graduate course. Go to [EOU's eTutoring page](#) to submit a paper to a writing tutor. Click on [Graduate Students How To](#) for information about tagging your submission.

Classroom Decorum:

Instruction is the most valuable function at Eastern Oregon University. To assure that all students gain full benefit of instruction, the University insists that appropriate classroom decorum be maintained. Minimum elements of appropriate classroom decorum include: punctuality, courtesy, civility, purposefulness, and integrity. (Please see the Student Handbook online at <http://www.eou.edu/sse/student-handbook/>).

Academic Misconduct Policy:

Eastern Oregon University places a high value upon the integrity of its student scholars. Any student found responsible for an act of academic misconduct (including but not limited to cheating, unauthorized collaboration, fabrication, facilitation, plagiarism or tampering) may be subject to having his or her grade reduced in the course in question, being placed on probation or suspended from the University, or a combination of these. (Please see the Student Handbook online at <http://www.eou.edu/sse/student-handbook/>).

Accommodations/Students with Disabilities policy:

Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation for any type of disability, must contact the Disability Services Office in Loso Hall, Room 234. Phone: 541-962-3081.

Disclaimer:

This standard syllabus provides only general information on the course. For those enrolled in the course a detailed syllabus will be provided by the Instructor at the beginning of the term. Please keep in mind that not all courses are offered every year. Consult Webster for scheduling information.

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