HIS143 – 01
World Civilizations to 1500
Spring 2024

Class Time and Location: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 – 10:45, Rm. 249
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Prerequisite: None

Resources: text - Bentley, Jerry, et al. *Traditions and Encounters: A Brief Global History to 1500*, vol. 1, 2nd edition.

Course Description: This course offers a survey of ancient and medieval history, with an emphasis on Asian, African, and European cultures and cultural interaction.

Program Outcomes:

Students will increase their:
- writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills.
- understanding of different cultures and societies across the globe and how both have changed over time.
- technological and research skills.

Rationale: This course provides the means by which students will accomplish the program outcomes outlined in the college catalogue as evidenced by the listed course objectives. This course will allow the student to utilize the historical knowledge, research, collaboration, and presentation skills in future college endeavors and throughout his or her life.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:
- Describe the major political, social, economic, and intellectual factors that have shaped the world from ancient times to 1500.
- Demonstrate knowledge of independent historical research.
  Components:
  Proper grammar and format
  Proper documentation and reliable sources
  Scholarly research
- Utilize critical thinking and communication to gain a historical perspective.

Course Schedule:
January 16 - Introduction
January 18 – Mesopotamia (Ch. 1)
January 23 - Hebrews & Egypt (Ch. 1 & 2)
January 25 – South and East Asia (Ch. 3)
January 30 – Native Americans (Ch. 4)
February 1 - Sub Saharan Africa (Ch. 2)
February 6– Test 1
February 8– India (Ch 6)
February 13 – China (Ch 7)
February 15 – Persia (Ch. 5)
February 20 – Greece (Ch. 8)
February 22 – Greece (Ch. 8)
February 27 – Roman Empire (Ch.8)
February 29 – Roman Empire (Ch 8)
March 5 - Silk Road (Ch.9)
March 7 – Test 2
March 12 – Byzantine (Ch 10)
March 14 - Spread of Christianity (Ch 10)
March 18 – 22 - Spring Break - No classes
March 26 - Rise of Islam (Ch. 11)
March 28 - Rise of Islam (Ch. 11)
April 2 - India (Ch. 13)
April 4 - East Asia (Ch.12)
April 9– Test
April 11 – Europe until 1200 (Ch. 16).
April 16 – Turks and Mongols (Ch. 14)
April 18 – Americas and Oceania (Ch. 17)
April 23 – Sub Saharan Africa (Ch.15)
April 25 – Europe in Middle Ages (Ch. 16)
April 30 – Europe in Middle Ages (Ch. 16)
May 2 - Cross Culture Interaction (Ch. 18)
Week of May 6 – Final

This syllabus is a work in progress. The dates, number of tests, and other items may change throughout the semester.

Course Conduct:
The majority of this class will be lecture-oriented. However, there will be group activities, oral presentations, and other "hands-on" activities throughout the semester. You are encouraged to form study groups to help in this class.

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Credit Hour Calculator: For every course credit hour, you should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work, including but not limited to time attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/exams, research, writing papers, working with your team, and other activities that enhance learning. For a three-hour course, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course. This includes the time spent in class.

Course Requirements/Evaluation:
Grades will be based on four tests, research papers, and other projects. Grades are based on the standard grading scale: 90-100 (A), 80 – 89 (B), 70 – 79 (C), 60 – 69 (D), below 59 (F).

Tests: **The majority of your grade will come from your test scores**. Tests will be multiple choice, true/false, and short answer.

Projects and/or papers:
There will be various papers and projects assigned throughout the semester. These projects will include brief papers and essays (which will require documentation). The topics of these projects will be announced later.

Class Procedures/Student Requirements:
The classroom should be a learning environment, so, out of respect for others, please put your cell phone on silent. If you need to take a call, please step outside the classroom. No texting, playing games, or using social media during class. Cell phones and/or laptops and tablets should only be used for legitimate classroom activities. Also, do not take any pictures or videos in class without permission.

Attendance is expected. Make-up tests and scheduled presentations will only be rescheduled if absence is reported and excused beforehand. Make-up tests may be all essay. The paper and team presentation are expected on the due date (papers may be turned in ahead of time). Late papers will be accepted but not for full credit unless there is an emergency or you have cleared it with me beforehand. The same applies to other projects and assignments.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. This includes plagiarism of papers and assignments and cheating on exams. Plagiarism also includes using paraphrasing tools and anti-plagiarism generators and using AI to write essays or answer assignments. Suspicion of academic dishonesty will result in an F on the work in question. Recording a class or reposting, copying, or distributing material found on the Student Portal, Moodle, or any class materials is expressly forbidden unless the instructor has given written permission. Students who violate Academic Integrity will face disciplinary sanctions that could result in suspension or expulsion from the college.

Title IX Sexual Harassment: If there is an issue of this nature, it should be reported immediately to the Title IX Director, Terry Francis, at (479) 394-7622, Ext. 1460. To report a concern or to learn more about UA RICH MOUNTAIN's Title IX and Non-Discrimination Policies, visit https://www.uarichmountain.edu/title-ix-policy

Disability Policy: It is the policy of UA Rich Mountain to accommodate students with disabilities pursuant to state and federal law. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office, 394-7622 ext.1400.

Arkansas Clean Air Act: In compliance with the Arkansas Clean Air Act, UA Rich Mountain is a smoke and tobacco-free facility. Students and guests are to refrain from using all tobacco products while on campus.

Student Misconduct: Students committing misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanction(s) and or restrictions. Misconduct or prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to, endangerment, harassment, disruption, sexual misconduct, dishonesty, illegal drugs and/or alcohol, fire or safety issues, gambling, property violations, computer violations, or other violations as listed in detail in the college catalog.

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Suspicious behavior should be reported to the Deputy Sheriff on campus at (479) 394-6811 OR through an anonymous email link found on the college webpage (bottom left-hand under Public Safety) . The Deputy Sheriff's office is located on the Mena campus in the Spencer Building across from the library.

Crime statistics and information can be located on our webpage at:
http://www.uarichmountain.edu/at-a-glance/disclosures