HIS143 – 01
World Civilizations to 1500 (World Civ I)
Fall 2023

Class Time and Location: Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00 – 9:15, 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. This course requires at least one paper with a historical documentation format.

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 historical knowledge, research, collaboration, and presentation skills in future college endeavors and throughout 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 historical perspective.

Course Schedule:
August 21 - Introduction
August 23 – Mesopotamia (Ch. 1)
August 28 – Hebrews & Egypt (Ch. 1 & 2)
August 30 – South and East Asia (Ch. 3)
September 4 – No Class Labor Day Holiday
September 6 – Native Americans (Ch. 4)
September 11 –Sub Saharan Africa (Ch. 2)
September 13 – Test
September 18 – India (Ch. 7)
September 20 – China (Ch. 6)
September 25 – Persia (Ch. 5)
September 27 – Greece (Ch. 8)
October 2 – Greece (Ch. 8)
October 4 – Roman Empire (Ch.8)
October 9 - Roman Empire (Ch.8)
October 11 – Test
October 16 – Byzantine & Spread of Christianity (Ch. 10)
October 18 – Byzantine & Spread of Christianity (Ch. 10)
October 23 – Rise of Islam (Ch. 11)
October 25– India (Ch. 13)
October 30 – East Asia (Ch.12)
November 1 – Test
November 6 - Europe until 1200 (Ch. 16).
November 8 – Turks and Mongols (Ch. 14)
November 13– Americas and Oceania (Ch. 17)
November 15– Sub Saharan Africa (Ch.15)
November 20 – 24 – No Class – Thanksgiving Break
November 27 - Europe in Middle Ages (Ch. 16)
November 29 – Europe in Middle Ages (Ch. 16)
December 4 - Cross Culture Interaction (Ch. 18)
December 6 – 12 – Finals Week

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. You may also seek assistance from Student Support for help understanding the material or writing the paper. If you have extreme difficulty, please make an appointment with me to discuss it.

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, a short research paper, and possibly 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, fill-in-the-blanks, short answer, and possible essay.

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

Research paper:
You will have a research paper in this class. The topic will be announced later. Sources to back up the argument should come from various sources, including primary sources. Primary sources are those created at the time of the event. They include letters, diaries, newspapers of the era, original documents, etc. Sources must be properly documented, i.e., use footnotes or endnotes and include a bibliography. For documentation of sources, you may use the standard guide for historical writing--The University of Chicago Press's Manual of Style or MLA style if you are more familiar with that. I am available to assist you in this project and will be pleased to comment on your early drafts.

Class Procedures/Student Requirements:
The classroom should be a learning environment, so, out of respect for others, please put your cell phone away and 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 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 the absence is reported and excused beforehand. Make-up tests may be all essay. The paper and team presentation are expected on the date they are due (papers may be turned in ahead of time). Late papers will not be accepted 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 the use of AI to write essays or answer assignments. 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, Blackboard, 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 the use of 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 UA Rich Mountain catalog.

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http://www.uarichmountain.edu/at-a-glance/disclosures