Syllabus
World Civilization to 1600
HIST 2321
Online

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

World Civilization
This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a DCCCD Core Curriculum Course.

Prerequisite: One of the following must be met: (1) Developmental Reading 0093 AND Developmental Writing 0093; (2) English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 AND 0054; or (3) have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) in Reading and Writing standards AND DCCCD Writing score prerequisite requirement.

Course Description: This course presents a survey of ancient and medieval history with emphasis on Asian, African, and European cultures. (3 Lec.)

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of World history.

ASSIGNMENTS

- There will be 4 exams worth 100 points each. The exams cover textbook readings and other handouts. Exams will contain multiple choice questions. Each exam will contain 50 questions worth 2 points each. Test can be found in the section marked “Exams” on our class eCampus page. You have 1 1/2 hours to complete each exam. Once you begin an exam, you must finish it. You can only take an exam once.
- There will be two short assignments throughout the semester. They are worth 50 points each. Detailed instructions can be found on eCampus.

- There will be one major paper where you will make an argument from source materials. It will be worth 100 points. Detailed instructions can be found on our eCampus page.

**GRADES**

- 4 Exams (100 points each) = 400
- 2 Assignments (50 each) = 100
- 1 Major Paper (100 points) = 100
  
  **600 points total**

**Grading Scale**

- 600 – 540 points = A
- 539 - 480 points = B
- 479 - 420 points = C
- 419 - 360 points = D
- 359 – 0 points = F

**IMPORTANT DATES**

This course is largely self-paced, so there are no specific due dates for the exams or the assignments. However, there are some dates to keep in mind. Those dates will be placed on eCampus.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

This course will be a little different from any other history class you’ve taken in that we will not proceed in chronological order, but instead we will proceed in topic order. Since we will be covering many civilizations, it will be difficult, and impossible, to cover them all in order. So, this is the course direction. Remember, this is simply an outline. There may be changes made due to circumstances that develop throughout the semester.

**Part I - The Middle East and Europe**

- Unit I – Exam covers chapters 1, 2, 5 and 7
  - Chapter 1 – Pre Civilization world
  - Chapter 2 – Ancient Middle East and Egypt
  - Chapter 5 – Ancient Greece
  - Chapter 7 – Rome

- Unit II – Exam covers chapters 10, 11, 14, 15, 20
  - Chapter 10 and 11 – Islam
  - Chapter 14 – Eastern Europe
  - Chapter 15 – Medieval Europe
  - Chapter 20 – The Renaissance
Part II - Asia, Africa and the Americas

Unit III – Exam covers chapters 3, 4, 6, 8 9
Chapter 3 – Beginnings in China and India
Chapter 4 – Chinese Civilization
Chapter 6 – India’s Golden Age
Chapter 8 – The Americas
Chapter 9 – The Movement of Peoples

Unit IV – Exam covers chapters 12, 16, 17, 18, 19
Chapter 12 – South and Southeast Asia
Chapter 16 – Civilizations in America
Chapter 17 – Chinese Renaissance
Chapter 18 – Korea, Japan and Vietnam
Chapter 19 – The Mongols!!!!!!!

TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS CLASS- In order to be successful, you must read the textbook closely. I would suggest that you highlight vocabulary words and passages that you feel are of real importance. Don’t focus on dates. Dates are not important. The “whys” and “hows” are much more important to me. I would suggest that you also take notes over the reading, just as you would in a lecture class. Students that do these small steps tend to do overwhelmingly better than students that don’t. Also, I am here to help. Please feel free to contact me if there is any problem.

ECAMPUS

Students will need to utilize the eCampus to be successful in this class. Class materials, grades, and announcements will be posted there on a regular basis. All class assignments will be placed on eCampus.

TECHNOLOGY

Assignments are DUE as outlined in the course calendar. Waiting until the last minute can be problematic as issues may arise with computers. Experiencing technological difficulties or not having access to a computer are not acceptable reasons for missing assignment deadlines. Students should plan in advance to complete assignments utilizing resources available to them; for example, a local library or the Eastfield College library and computer lab.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a very serious offense, and it will not be tolerated by the instructor. Anytime you use material for your writing that has previously been written, you must use a citation. Simple and honest citation mistakes are understandable, but turning in a paper that someone else wrote, or that you wrote for another course, will result in a failure of the course.
INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link: