



**Beijing Jiaotong University**

**2019 Summer Session**

**HIS 120 Introduction to World History**

**Course Outline**

**Term: July 08-August 09,2019**

**Class Hours: 10:00-12:00 (Monday through Friday)**

**Course Code: HIS 120**

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**Credit: 4**

**Class Hours:** This course will have 72 class hours, including 40 lecture hours, 10 lecturer office hours, 10-hour TA discussion sessions, 2-hour review sessions, 10-hour extra classes.

**Course Description:**

World History to 1500 is a course that explores the historical connections, continuities, and discontinuities among key technological, economic, and cultural developments across the globe. Students will learn about how cities were formed and grew into empires, what it took to maintain centers of power, forms of leadership, cultural achievement, and notions of truth and authority. In the end, the class will enable students to form educated evaluations on society, politics, and public life.

**Course Objectives:**

This course improves analytical reasoning, evidence-based argumentation, and teaches close reading. Students will also learn how to interpret and write historical and ethnographic studies.



### Required Textbooks:

Von Sivers, Desnoyers, and Stow, *Patterns of World History*. Volumes One and Two with Sources. Oxford University Press, 2017.

### Grading & Evaluation:

Attendance 10%

Mid-Term 30%

Paper 20%

Final Exam 40%

### Grading Scale

A+ (100-97), A (96-93), A- (92-90), B+ (89-87), B (86-83), B- (82-80), C+ (79-77),  
C (76-73), C- (72-70), D+ (69-67), D (66-63), D- (62-60), F (below 60).

### Course Schedule

#### Week 1: **Historical Consciousness at the Dawn of Humanity**

##### Day 1 **Historical Origins**

###### Assigned Reading:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 1, pp. 4-31.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 1: 1.1-1.4.

##### Day 2 **The Invention of Labor**

###### Assigned Reading:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 2, pp. 32-45, 49-56.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 2: 2.1-2.2.

##### Day 3 **Production and Cultural Networks**

###### Assigned Reading:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapters 3 and 4, pp. 66-117.
- 2) Sources for chapters 3 and 4: 3.3-3.4 & 4.1, 4.4.

##### Day 4 **The Americas**

###### Assigned Reading:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 5, pp. 120-147.

#### Week 2: **Monopolies of Power**

##### Day 1 **Leaders**



Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 8, pp. 216-243.

Day 2 **Persia, Sparta, and Greece**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 7, pp. 180-190.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 7: 7.2-7.3.

Day 3 **Rome and China**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 7, pp. 190-215 and Chapter 9, pp. 244-271.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 9: 9.4-9.5.

Day 4 **Christian Empires**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 10, pp. 288-307.

**\*\*\*Mid-Term Exam\*\*\***

Week 3 **War and Peace**

Day 1 **Eurasia**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 12, pp. 351-370.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 12: 12.4-12.5.

Day 2 **Africa**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 14, pp. 404-431.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 14: 14.1, 14.3-14.4.

Day 3 **America**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 15, pp. 432-459.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 15: 15.1-15.4.

Day 4 **The Ottomans**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 16, pp. 462-493.
- 2) Sources for Chapter 16: 16.1-16.9.

**Final Paper DUE**



Week 4    **Modern Histories**

Day 1    **Renaissance**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 16, pp. 494-508.

Day 2    **The Ming Dynasty**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 20.

Day 3    **The New World Economy**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 21.

Day 4    **The French Revolution**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 22.

Week 5    **Culture and Multiculturalism**

Day 1    **Radical Ideologies**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 24.

Day 2    **World Wars**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 28.

Day 3    **The Cold War**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 29.

Day 4    **Historical Axis**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) *Patterns of World History*, Chapter 30.

**\*\*\*Final Exam\*\*\***