



World Civilizations I

HIST 1100

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3 semester hours--undergraduate credit

40 hours

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OFFICIAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the beginnings of humanity to 1350. It investigates ancient empires and the development of the great world religions. The interdependence of Eurasia is stressed while the independent existence of the Amerindian and African empires is also explored.

COURSE GOALS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

- Describe the emergence of civilizations
- Outline factors that lead to the collapse of civilizations
- Explain the emergence of major world religions
- Describe relations between civilizations and other peoples and societies along frontiers and border regions

INSTRUCTOR'S ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is a key prerequisite for class participation. Once you arrive in class, please endeavor to dedicate your complete attention to our topics, discussions, and activities. Please speak up, let us know what you find out about history, and also seek to gain insights from other class participants.

If you miss a class because of illness or some obligation or event that requires your absence please let me know

TEXTS:

Bulliet, *The Earth and its Peoples*

Jared Diamond, *Collapase: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*

ASSESSMENTS/COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Each student will write two short essays.

There will be a midterm exam that will include essays and objective questions.

First Essay

50 Points

Second Essay	50 points
Midterm Exam	100 points
Final Exam	100 points
Participation	50 points

FINAL PROJECT/EXAM DESCRIPTION:

There will be a final exam that will include essays and objective questions.

COURSE OUTLINE:

In chronological order, list the proposed dates, topics to be covered and the readings and activities expected from the candidates in preparation for those class sessions. Due dates for assignments and activities are listed.

1. Introduction: Rise, Collapse, Resiliency and Adaptation
 Bulliet, Chapter 1
2. *Homo sapiens* and the Origins of Farming
 Bulliet Chapter 1
3. Rise of Civilizations
 Bulliet Chapter 2
4. Resiliency and Adaptation
 Bulliet Chapter 2
5. Collapse: Late Bronze Age Crisis to the Iron Age
 Bulliet Chapter 3
 Diamond, *Collapse*
6. Iron Age Civilizations
 Bulliet Chapters 3 and 4
7. China and Rome **First Essay Due**
 Bulliet Chapter 6
8. Exchange and Expansion
 Bulliet Chapter 8
9. Resiliency and Collapse
10. **Exam**
11. Religious Interaction
 Bulliet, Chapter 9

12. Civilizations of the Americas
Bulliet, Chapter 7

13. Collapse and Resiliency
Diamond, *Collapse*

14. Empires and the Steppes
Bulliet, Chapters 11-12

15. Medieval Expansion
Bulliet, Chapters 14

16. Collapse and Resiliency
Diamond, *Collapse*

17. Frontiers of Civilization
Bulliet, Chapter 13

18. Exchange and Expansion **Second Essay Due**
Bulliet, Chapter 15

19. Review

20. **Exam**

Describe in detail how students are to be graded (e.g., research paper – 30%, four reports – 15% each, journal entries – 10%).

<u>4.0</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>95 – 100</u>
<u>3.7</u>	<u>A-</u>	<u>92 – 94</u>
<u>3.5</u>	<u>A-/B+</u>	<u>89 – 91</u>
<u>3.3</u>	<u>B+</u>	<u>86 – 88</u>
<u>3.0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>83 – 85</u>
<u>2.7</u>	<u>B-</u>	<u>80 – 82</u>
<u>2.5</u>	<u>B-/C+</u>	<u>77 – 79</u>
<u>2.3</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>74 – 76</u>
<u>2.0</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>71 – 73</u>
<u>1.7</u>	<u>C-</u>	<u>69 – 70</u>
<u>1.5</u>	<u>C-/D+</u>	<u>67 – 68</u>
<u>1.3</u>	<u>D+</u>	<u>64 – 66</u>
<u>1.0</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>60 – 63</u>
<u>0.0</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>0 – 59</u>
-	<u>IN</u>	<u>Incomplete</u>
-	<u>IP</u>	<u>In Progress</u>
-	<u>W</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>

CLASS POLICIES:

- Come to class with any readings that we are focusing on.
- If you miss a class, you are responsible for finding out what happened in that class.
- Each student is responsible for completing all course requirements and for keeping up with all activities of the course.

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