



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: World Civilizations to 1500 AD

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
HIS	1000	11006	1, 2002	ONC	1.00	TWMBA

Academic Group:	FOART
Academic Org:	FOA003
HECS Band:	1
ASCED Code:	090305

STAFFING

Examiner: Maurice French

Moderator: Libby Connors

SYNOPSIS

In a world of rapid change and narrow specialization it is useful to develop a long term perspective on the course of human history on a world, rather than a regional or national, scale. This course examines the rise and fall of civilizations from the neolithic period to the age of Columbus, focussing on economic activity, technological development, social structure, cultural traits and, in particular, religious/philosophical systems. The course introduces the basic principles of historical methodology and is compatible with course ANT1000: World Archaeology which employs an anthropological approach. It also complements material in course AST1000: Australia Asia and the Pacific and course AST1001: Sacred & Secular: a prelude to Modern Asia. The course is particularly suited to Education students and is ideal as a general elective.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- identify basic models of civilization and metahistory, including world-systems theory;
- recognize, define, and use the essential terminology of socio- historical analysis;
- discuss, briefly, the main events, places and people in the development of civilizations in the defined period;
- describe the broad parameters of the world's major religious/philosophical systems up to AD1500;
- demonstrate competency in writing skills, bibliography and documentation in the History discipline.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. A Introduction 1.1 Theories in Socio-historical Analysis 1.2 Concepts in Socio-historical Analysis 1.3 Historical Evidence and Analysis	0.00
2. B The Emergence of Civilizations 3500-1000BCE 2.1 Neolithic Culture 2.2 Mesopotamia, Egypt and the Aegean & West Asia 2.3 Indus and Vedic India 2.4 Shang and Chou China	0.00
3. C Age of Faiths and Philosophies 1500-250BCE 3.1 Palestine and Judaism 3.2 Classical Greece 3.3 Hindu India and Buddhism 3.4 Chinese Philosophy	0.00
4. D The Great Empires 500BCE-400CE 4.1 Hellenistic Empire 4.2 Roman Republic and Empire 4.3 Mauryan India 4.4 Han China	0.00
5. E Changing Empires 400-1200CE 5.1 Rise of Christianity 5.2 Barbarian Europe 5.3 Byzantine Empire 5.4 Islam 5.5 Decline of India 5.6 Revival of China	0.00
6. F Peripheral Civilizations to 1500CE 6.1 Meso-American and Amerindia 6.2 Sub-Saharan Africa 6.3 Sinic Japan 6.4 Indian SE Asia	0.00
7. G Cultural Interaction 1000-1500CE 7.1 Crusading Christianity 7.2 Mongolian Hordes 7.3 The European Renaissance	0.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> by entering the author or title of the text.

Study Book

Book of Readings

Upshur, J.H.L et al, 2001 *World History: Volume 1: Before 1600: The Development of Early Civilizations*, 4th edn, West/Wadsworth, Belmont, CA.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Anglin, J. & Hambli, W. 1993 *World History to 1648*, Harper Perennial, New York.

Bentley, J.H. & Ziegler, H.F., 2000 *Traditions & Encounters: a global perspective on the past, Volume I: from the beginnings to 1500*, McGraw Hill, Boston.

Blainey, G., 2000 *A Short History of the World*, Viking/Penguin, Ringwood, Victoria.

Goucher, C.L., et al., 1998 *In the balance: themes in global history*, McGraw Hill, Boston,

Haywood, J. (ed), 1999 *Atlas of World History*, Andromeda Books/Neodel, Oxford,

Mason, C., 2000 *A Short History of Asia*, St Martins Press, New York.

McComb, D. (ed), 1993 *World History: Volume 1: Prehistory to 1500*, 3rd edn, Dushkin, Guilford, Conn.

McNeill, W. 1992 *A History of the Human Community: Volume 1: Prehistory to 1500*, 4th edn, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

Ponting, C., 2000 *World History: A New Perspective*, Chatto & Windus, London.

Reilly, K., 2000 *Worlds of history: a comparative reader, Volume I: to 1500*, Bedford/St Martin's, Boston.

Reilly, K. (ed), c1995 *Readings in World Civilizations: Volume 1: The Great Traditions*, 3rd edn, St Martin's Press, New York.

Roberts, J. M., 1995 *History of the World*, Penguin, London.

Stavrianos, L. 1992 *Lifelines from our Past: A New World History*, M.E. Sharpe, New York.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	3
Lectures	52
Private Study	110

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks Out of	Wtg(%)	Required	Due Date
MID TERM CLASS TEST	999.00	10.00	Y	04 Mar 2002 (see note 1)
DOCUMENTARY ANALYSIS 800 WORDS	999.00	15.00	Y	04 Mar 2002 (see note 2)
BOOK REVIEW (800-1000 WORDS)	999.00	15.00	Y	04 Mar 2002 (see note 3)
2000 WORD ESSAY	999.00	30.00	Y	04 Mar 2002 (see note 4)
3 HOUR EXAM	999.00	30.00	Y	END S1 (see note 5)

NOTES:

1. Further details about the due dates are detailed in the assessment section of the Course Specifications.
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Grades: Students must submit all items of assessment in order to be eligible for a final grade. The final grade will be determined by the aggregate of all assessment items (you do not have to pass each item of assessment) in accord with Faculty of Arts standard - see Handbook.
 - 2 Assignments that are not submitted by the due date are subject to a late penalty of 10% of the value of the assignment per working day for the first 5 working days late, after which a zero grade will be awarded.
 - 3 Mid Term Test will be held on Thursday 2 May 2002 or nearest lecture time to that date.
 - 4 Documentary analyses are due one week after scheduled class discussion of the relevant topic. However, students are advised to select a document from topics in weeks 1-4; these, regardless of which week they are listed, will all be due on 29/03/02.
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