

University of Calgary

Department of History

HTST 203-01
The World to 1500
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ENE 239

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Course Description

This course is a historical survey of the principal social, political, economic and intellectual developments that have shaped the world from ancient civilizations to 1500. Topics to be studied include pre-historic human organization, the rise and decline of ancient civilizations, classical ages in Greece, Rome, China, Africa and the Americas, and the European Middle Ages. We will examine a wide variety of primary documents (documents written at the time we wish to examine), ranging from political, legal, and private documents as well as literature.

Objectives of the Course

The goal of this course is to encourage students to think with a global perspective about the history before 1500. We will be looking for historical patterns. The course will focus on such aspects as class, gender, power structures, and the use of terror, as well as other organizing principles such as notions of time, space, ideas, and the theory of the cyclical nature of world history.

Textbooks and Readings

Patterns of World History: Volume I to 1600 with Sources 2/e, Peter von Sivers, Charles A. Desnoyers and George B. Shaw

Internet and electronic communication device information

Please turn off cell phones and other non-educational devices and use your computers for only academically related purposes.

Assignments and Evaluation

The assignments in the course are designed to balance between written work and examinations. Assignments will build upon each other so that the skills developed in one assignment will be employed in the next. Students must NOT book holidays in the expectation of having an early examination. Accommodation for examinations and assignments will be made only for those in

extreme and difficult circumstances. All assignments must be completed in order to pass the course.

Web Analysis

This assignment will consist of an examination of websites concerning secondary sources dealing with topics covered by the course. The goal is to demonstrate that websites are not necessarily universally reliable sources, but that each one needs to be judged with a critical eye. Length is to be five pages with standard margins, Times New Roman 12pt. font.

Date: October 5

Value: 25%

Mid-term Examination

Mid-term examination will cover material discussed in the lectures and the readings. It will consist of single-word answers (more objective) and short-answer questions (more subjective).

Date: November 9

Value: 20%

Primary Document Analysis

Students will examine an original document found in the *Sources* readings. Length is to be five pages with standard margins, Times New Roman 12pt. font.

Date: October 23

Value: 25%

Final Examination

The final examination will build upon the elements in the midterm and it will include an essay component. Students will be able to concentrate on essay topics of their choice.

Date: Scheduled by the Registrar

Value: 30%

Registrar-scheduled Final Examination: Yes (Three Hours)

All assignments and exams must be completed or a course grade of F may be assigned at the discretion of the instructor.

Submission of Assignments: Please hand in your essays directly to your TA or instructor if possible in class. If it is not possible to do so, a daytime drop box is available outside the History Department office on the 6th Floor of the Social Science Building. Assignments will be removed the following morning, stamped with the previous day's date, and placed in the instructor's mailbox.

Please include your name and ID number on all assignments. Personal information is collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment.

For courses in which assignments are submitted electronically, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that the correct copy of the assignment is submitted. (Including the version date or version

number in your file name may help you avoid submitting the wrong version of your written assignments.)

Policy for Late Assignments

Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a grade (e.g.: A- to B+) for each day late.

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

This schedule is a rough guide and might be altered to take into consideration student interest, time constraints or other unforeseen situations. You should note that lectures will *supplement* the readings and the readings will be necessary background to understand the lectures. I will *not* be reading the chapters for you in class. My suggestion is that you read the assigned reading for the week before class taking notes of important ideas, issues, people, and events; attend and take notes during lectures, and then re-read the assigned reading for the week. This way not only will you grasp the material more completely, it will be easier for you to study and attain the grade you desire.

Week 1 (Sept 12-14)

Introduction and African Origins of Humanity

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 1

Week 2 (Sept 19-21)

Agrarian Urban Centres of the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 2

Week 3 (Sept 26-28)

Shifting Agrarian Centres in India

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 3

Week 4 (Oct 3-5)

Agrarian Centres in Ancient China

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 4

*******WEB ANALYSIS DUE OCTOBER 5*******

Week 5 (Oct 10-12)

Origins, Chiefdoms, and States

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapters 5 and 6

Week 6 (Oct 17-19)

Persia, Greece, and Rome

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 7

Week 7 (Oct 24-26)

The Rise of Christianity

Reading: *TBD*

Week 8 (Oct 31-Nov 2)

Empires and Visionaries in India

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 8

Week 9 (Nov 7-9)

Review

*******MID-TERM EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 9*******

Week 10 (Nov 14-16)

China: Unification and Order

Reading: *Patterns*, Chapter 9

Week 11 (Nov 21-23)

Islam and Byzantium

Readings: *Patterns*, Chapter 10

*******PRIMARY DOCUMENT ANALYSIS DUE NOVEMBER 23*******

Week 12 (Nov 28-30)

Western Christian World

Readings: *Patterns*, Chapter 11

Week 13 (Dec 5-7)

India and China

Readings: *Patterns*, Chapter 12

*******FINAL EXAMINATION REGISTRAR SCHEDULED*******

Important Departmental, Faculty, and University Information

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Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. For detailed information on common academic concerns, you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate>.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Arts Students Centre (ASC) in SS 102, call 403-220-3580, email artsads@ucalgary.ca, or visit <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising>.
- For registration issues, paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK (7625), visit the office in the MacKimmie Library Block (MLB) or their website at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/>.

Writing:

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented.

Writing Support:

Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL). Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc.

Copyright:

The University of Calgary has opted out of the Access Copyright Interim Tariff proposed by the Copyright Board. This means that instructors in all University of Calgary courses will strictly adhere to Copyright Act regulations and the educational exceptions permitted by the Act for both print and digital course material. What this simply means is that no copyrighted material may be placed on course D2L or web sites without the prior permission of the copyright holders. In some cases, this may mean that instructors will require you to purchase a print course pack from the University of Calgary bookstore or that you will have to consult books on reserve at the library. For more information on the University of Calgary's copyright policy, see <http://library.ucalgary.ca/copyright>.

Red Box Policy:

Essays and other assignments may be handed in to the red box located outside of the History Department office (Social Sciences, Room 656). Please include the following information on your assignment: 1) **course name and number**, 2) **instructor**, 3) **your name and** 4) **your student number**. Assignments received after 4:00 p.m. will be date stamped with the date of the next business day. We do not time stamp any papers. Please do not bring your paper into the office to be stamped. The box is emptied promptly at 8:30 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Departmental Grading System:

The following percentage-to-letter grade conversion scheme has been adopted for use in all Canadian Studies, History, and Latin American Studies courses.

| Percentage | Letter Grade | Grade Point Value | Description |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 90-100 | A+ | 4.00 | Outstanding |
| 85-89 | A | 4.00 | Excellent—superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter. |

| Percentage | Letter Grade | Grade Point Value | Description |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 80-84 | A- | 3.70 | |
| 77-79 | B+ | 3.30 | |
| 73-76 | B | 3.00 | Good—clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete. |
| 70-72 | B- | 2.70 | |
| 67-69 | C+ | 2.30 | |
| 63-66 | C | 2.00 | Satisfactory—basic understanding of the subject matter. |
| 60-62 | C- | 1.70 | Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation. |
| 56-59 | D+ | 1.30 | Minimal pass—marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject. |
| 50-55 | D | 1.00 | |
| 0-49 | F | 0 | Fail—unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements. |

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism occurs when one submits or presents one's work in a course, or ideas and/or passages in a written piece of work, as if it were one's own work done expressly for that particular course, when, in fact, it is not. As noted in *The History Student's Handbook* (http://hist.ucalgary.ca/sites/hist.ucalgary.ca/files/history_students_handbook_2015.pdf), plagiarism may take several forms:

- Failure to cite sources properly may be considered plagiarism. This could include quotations, and wording used from another source but not acknowledged.
- Borrowed, purchased, and/or ghostwritten papers are considered plagiarism, as is submitting one's own work for more than one course without the permission of the instructor(s) involved.
- Extensive paraphrasing of one or a few sources is also considered plagiarism, even when notes are used, unless the essay is a critical analysis of those works.
- The use of notes does not justify the sustained presentation of another author's language and ideas as one's own.

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and written work that appears to contain plagiarized passages will not be graded. All such work will be reported to the Faculty of Arts' associate deans of students who will apply the penalties specified in the *University of Calgary Calendar*.

Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI):

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference. Please participate in USRI surveys.

Academic Accommodations (implemented July 1, 2015):

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Campus Resources for Mental Health

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, <https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services>) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>).

Other Useful Information:

- Faculty of Arts Representatives: 403-220-6551, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.
- Campus Security & Safewalk: 403-220-5333, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>.
- Freedom of Information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia>.
- Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>.
- Student Union Information: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>.
- Graduate Student Association: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa/>.
- Student Ombudsman Office: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

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