# **HIST 10 - World History**

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Fall 2009** 

**Credit:** 3 units

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## **Course Description:**

This course is a survey of the development of the world's largest and most influential cultures. While many civilizations will appear, the major emphasis will be on China, Islamic Middle East, India and Europe. The first half of the course will cover the formative stages of the great civilizations. The second half will survey the enormous economic, political and social impact of industrialization. Throughout the course, where appropriate, a comparative approach will be used to illustrate the relative degree of continuity and change in the major cultures

## Textbooks:

Texts: The Earth and Its Peoples, A Global History Volume II Since 1500 Fourth Edition

ISBN 13: 978-0-618-83432-7 ISBN 10: 0-618-83432-X

Available online at reduced costs.

Supplemental materials will be provided throughout the course by instructor.

## **Course Requirements:**

To successfully complete HIST 10, students are required to read all the readings, participate fully in class, take all midterms, and pass the final examination. Students are encouraged to form groups to exchange ideas and reflect upon readings, but each is required to do all the required reading.

For some classes, students will be assigned to do presentations on the assigned readings or related projects. The purpose of these presentations is not to summarize the content of the readings. Each presentation will consist of two major components. First, the presenter will indicate how ideas in that particular reading relate to others covered in class. Second, the presenter will raise critical questions about the reading for class discussion. Each presenter will prepare and distribute in class a one-page outline highlighting major arguments of his or her presentation.

Two closed book mid-term exams will each constitute 25% of your grade.

A closed book final exam will constitute 30% of your grade.

This syllabus is an invitation to you as a student to engage in an exciting and interactive study of world history. It is my intention to provide a collaborative and supportive learning environment where students learn form one another both in and out of the classroom.

## **Student Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

Demonstrate that they have gained the basic, factual material on World History;

Identify foundational developments that helped shape global society as discussed in the text; Describe primary ideas and values in the development of World Civilization from Antiquity through the Modern Era, as discussed in the text;

Demonstrate that he/she has an understanding of the prominent economic, political, and social policies of the period;

Demonstrate that they have improved their analytical and communications skills.

#### The Course Structure:

The course is structured in the form of lectures, discussions, three midterm exams, assignments, and a final exam.

## Requirements:

Every student must participate in classroom activity. Students must complete all assignments and take all quizzes, mid-term exams and final exam on the dates listed. Plagarism will result in a grade of F and will be reported to the administration.

## Attendance:

Students are expected to attend each class session. If you cannot attend a class due to a valid reason, please notify the instructor.

#### Exams:

All of the exams consist of a combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions. All answers must be clear with a presentation of how the student came up with the answer on essay questions. Exams are closed book.

## **Grading:**

The grade for the course will be determined as follows:

| Mid-Term Exams                           | 50% |
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| Final Exam                               | 30% |
| Presentations, Quizzes and Participation | 20% |

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# Class schedule and assignments

COURSE OUTLINE: (Text assignments given in [])

Week 1 Chapter 16

Week 2 Chapter 17

Week 3 Chapter 18,19

Week 4 Chapter 20

Week 5 Chapter 21,22

Week 6 Chapter 23

Week 7 Chapter 24; Midterm

Week 8 Chapter 25

Week 9 Chapter 26,27

Week 10 Chapter 28

Week 11 Chapter 29

Week 12 Chapter 30 Midterm

Week 13 Chapter 31

Week 14 Chapter 32

Week 15 Chapter 33

Week 16 Final Exams