

HIST 1111:
Introduction to Pre-Modern World History
Semester: Spring 2019
Location: Social Sciences Building 3029
Meeting Time: 8:00 PM-9:15 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Course Communication. I prefer that you contact me by email. I do not mind what time of day you do. I will endeavor to respond promptly but sometimes it might have to wait until morning, so to speak. You are welcome to telephone the number above, which is the front desk of the Department of History and Philosophy, but the best you will be able to do is leave a message. Please do not try texting that number, as it is a landline.

Electronic Communications. The University provides all KSU students with an “official” email account with the address “students.kennesaw.edu.” As a result of federal laws protecting educational information and other data, **this is the sole email account you should use to communicate with your instructor or other University officials.**

Course Description

From KSU Course Catalog: This course is a survey of world history to early modern times. The course examines the political, economic, social, and cultural history of the world with a focus on connections and interactions.

Learning Objectives

HIST 1111 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the **SOCIAL SCIENCES** general education learning outcome(s). The learning outcome states: Students analyze the complexity of human behavior and how social, historical, economic, political, or spatial relationships develop, persist, or change. For more information about KSU’s General Education program requirements and associated learning outcomes, please visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=34&poid=3977

Required Reading

Valerie Hansen and Kenneth R. Curtis, *Voyages in World History*, vol. 1, 3rd ed. Cengage Learning, 2016.

Primary source handouts at various times.

Attendance Policy

As far as I am concerned, there is no such thing as an excused absence. If I am in class, then you need to be here too! Of course, sometimes life does intervene, and I allow up to four absences over the course of the semester, for any reason at all. Think of these as your sick days. Any more absences than four, however, and your final grade will be reduced. I appreciate being informed if you cannot make it to a class meeting. If you do miss class, do not come to me and ask what you missed – talk to a classmate. Also, I do not appreciate students arriving late *or leaving early*. Again, if you absolutely need to do either of these things, I want to know about it in advance.

Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

Electronic Devices Policy

I do not mind if you take notes on a laptop computer, but the minute I suspect you are using it for purposes other than taking notes, that privilege will be revoked. I do not like the use of smartphones in class (no, I don't believe that you are taking notes on your phone). I reserve the right to confiscate the phones of repeat offenders.

Course Assessments/Assignments

There will be three tests over the course of the semester, and a cumulative final exam. See schedule for dates. I will say more about the format of these as we move towards them.

There will also be a short writing assignment. See schedule for due date. Again, more information will be forthcoming.

Makeup Exams and Late Assignments

The Department will host a day for makeup exams for students with excused absences at the end of each semester. Students will need to bring an ID to the makeup exam, which will be held Friday, April 26. Note the phrase "with excused absences": you cannot just skip an exam and expect to be able to make it up later.

Grading

Tests	45% (15% each)
Writing Assignment	25%
Final Exam	30%

Grading Scale

The scale used is the standard American one, where:

$90 \leq A$
$80 \leq B < 90$
$70 \leq C < 80$
$60 \leq D < 70$
$F < 60$

A grade of "I" (for "incomplete") will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for *nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control* is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair's office.

Many people ask me to calculate their grade, but you can easily do it yourself using the information above. D2L has a grade book feature and I will attempt to use it this semester, but do keep in mind that the grades shown are unofficial.

Please know that your grade is *your responsibility*. If you are concerned about your grade come and see me and we can discuss strategies for improvement. Do *not* come to me after the course is over hoping to raise your grade through pleading.

Many people ask me if there are opportunities for “extra credit.” The answer is always no. The idea that you can just “play till you win” is corrupting of education.

Academic Integrity Statement Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section 5. C of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the university’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to university materials, misrepresentation/falsification of university records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement. See also <https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct>.

ADA Compliance Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require “reasonable accommodation(s)” to complete the course may request those from Department of Student Success Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Department of Student Success Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or taking course quizzes or exams. Students may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations. For more information please visit their website, [sss.kennesaw.edu/sds](https://www.kennesaw.edu/sds).

Contact information is as follows:

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COURSE SCHEDULE

January 8 Introduction	January 10 H&C, chapter 1
January 15: Sumeria and Egypt H&C, chapter 2	January 17: Judaea, Assyria and Babylon
January 22: Ancient India H&C, chapter 3	January 24: Buddhism
January 29: Chinese Origins H&C, chapter 4 Test 1	January 31: Ancient China
February 5: The Americas H&C, chapter 5	February 7: The Pacific Islands
February 12: Ancient Greece H&C, chapter 6	February 14: Persia and Greece
February 19: Roman Empire H&C, chapter 7	February 21: Christianity
February 26: India H&C, chapter 8 Test 2	February 28: Southeast Asia
March 5: The Rise of Islam H&C, chapter 9	March 7: Islamic Civilization
March 12: Early Medieval Europe H&C, chapter 10	March 14: High Medieval Europe
March 19: Africa H&C, chapter 11	March 21: India
March 26: Medieval China I H&C, chapter 12 Test 3	March 28: Medieval China II
April 2: <i>Spring Break - No Class</i>	April 4: <i>Spring Break - No Class</i>
April 9: Late Medieval Europe H&C, chapter 13	April 11: Late Medieval Europe
April 16: The Mongols H&C, chapter 14	April 18: Asia
April 23: Aztecs and Incas H&C, chapter 15	April 25: Renaissance, Reformation, and European Expansion
April 30: Final Exam 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	