History 1110: Introduction to World History

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Course Description

“An overview of world history which provides an introduction to the origin and development of the world’s societies and their political, cultural, and economic traditions.”

Course Aims

This course attempts to bring together a large-canvas history of the globe since early hominids to the recent past. In so doing, it familiarizes students with the world historical perspective, both its inherent strengths and weaknesses.

Assessment

The assessments in this course consist of four online examinations taken through WebCT. These assessments will be part multiple choice, part short answer (not more than a sentence or two), in part a nod to the compressed time scale of the four week course. None of these assessments are comprehensive. The course uses a conventional grading scale (detailed below.)

A=89.5 or better
B=79.5 to 89.49
C=69.5 to 79.49
D=59.5 to 69.49
F=59.49 or below

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 II 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 University Judiciary Program, 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.

**Required**


**Tentative Schedule**

August

17 Introductions and Early Hominids. Reading: Introduction and Ch. 1

24 Beginnings of Agriculture and the Great River Valleys. Reading: Ch. 2 and 3

31 Early Unstable Empire and the Rebuilding of the World. Reading: Ch. 4 and 5

September

7 The Great Schools and the Great Empires. Reading: Ch. 6 and 7

**Exam One Posted Online**

14 Imperial Collapse and Rise of World Religions. Reading: Ch. 8 and 9

21 Environmental Innovation and Isolation. Reading: Ch. 10 and 11

28 Reading: Nomadic Frontiers and the Mongols. Ch. 12 and 13, Film in Class

**Exam Two Posted Online**

October

5 Reading:

12 Reading:

19 Reading:

26 Reading:

November

2 Reading:

9 Reading:

16 Reading: None (In class Film)
23 (No Class-Holiday)

30 Reading: