HIST 1110
Introduction to World History

Fall Semester 2014
Location: Humanities and Social Sciences Room 3029
Time: TTh 11:00 – 1:45 Second Seven Weeks

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Course Description:

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

Learning Objectives:

HIST 1110 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=14&poid=1248

Kennesaw State University is currently engaged in a campus-wide assessment of its general education program. The purpose is to measure student achievement with respect to faculty defined student learning outcomes. This course has been selected to participate in the process. No individually-identifiable student information will be collected as part of the assessment. Data will be reported only in aggregated form. Students should know that the data may be used for scholarly work by members of KSU faculty (but only in anonymous and aggregated form). If you are opposed to having your anonymous data used for scholarly work, you can “opt out” of this specific aspect of the process. For more information on the general education assessment process and for access to an “opt out” form, please click http://www.kennesaw.edu/ged/optoutform.html
Required Reading:

The textbook is supplemental reading to the lectures. Lecture material may or may not be covered in the text.

Attendance Policy:

While there is no mandatory attendance policy, students are expected to attend class regularly and participate in class discussion. Material discussed in class will be heavily emphasized on exams, and given the rapid pace of the course, regular attendance is essential if you hope to do well. Active participation will be considered in the student’s favor when final grades are determined. In borderline cases, such participation could make the difference between a lower letter grade and a higher one. Students who miss class are responsible for acquiring notes, hand-outs, and any announcements (including those posted on Desire 2 Learn) from fellow classmates.

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

Electronic Devices Policy:

Students may use laptops or other electronic devices to take notes in class or record lectures. No electronic devices are permitted during any examination.

Course Assessments/Assignments:

Four multiple choice quizzes will be given whose combined score will count at one third of the student’s final grade. Two will be scheduled in the first half of the semester and the other two in the second half. See reading assignments and test dates below. A mid-term exam will count as one third of the final grade, and a final exam will count as the remaining third. Both the mid-term and the final will include multiple choice and essay questions.

Bluebooks/Greenbooks purchased at the campus bookstore are required for the midterm and the final exam.

Make up exams will be given only for excused absences at the discretion of the professor.

Note: 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. This is
not a required makeup solution. We hope that we will be able to share the responsibility of proctoring makeups exams over the course of the academic year.

Grading:

Grade Calculations

Average of quiz grades = 1/3 of final grade
Mid-term exam = 1/3 of final grade
Final exam = 1/3 of final grade

Grading Scale

Students are evaluated on the following scale:
   A = 100 – 90 points
   B = 89 – 80 points
   C = 79 – 70 points
   D = 69 – 60 points
   F = less than 60 points

I—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and 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.

Academic Honesty:

The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of high standards of academic integrity is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it.

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other
assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

Students suspected of violating the KSU statement of Academic Honesty will meet with the instructor to discuss the violation AND will be reported to the Department of Student Conduct according to the process outlined at the following link: https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/scai-misconduct-procedures

Cheating and Plagiarism will result in an automatic failing grade for the assignment involved and will be referred to the KSU judicial review board.

ADA Compliance:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact: Ms. Nastassia Sanabria, ADA Compliance Officer for Students 470-578-6443.

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM DATES

14 Oct      Introduction, Chapter 1 and Mesopotamia from Chapter 2
16 Oct      Ancient Egypt, First Empires – Chapter 2
21 Oct      Ancient India – Chapter 3
23 Oct      First Quiz and Ancient China – Chapter 4
28 Oct      Ancient Greece and Roman Empire – Chapters 5 and 6
30 Oct      Quiz and Rise of Islam – Chapter 9
4 Nov       Medieval Europe – Pages 220 – 230 and Chapter 14
6 Nov       Mid-term Exam and Ren/Ref Europe – Chapter 15
7 Nov       Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty
11 Nov      Africa and Ancient Americas – Chapters 10 and 11
13 Nov      Quiz and Scientific Revolution – Chapter 18
18 Nov  Industrial Revolution – Chapter 23
20 Nov  Imperialism – Chapters 25 and 26
2 Dec    Quiz and World War I/Great Depression – Chapters 28 & 30
4 Dec    World War II/Holocaust/World Since 1945 – Chapter 30 and 31
TBA     Final Exam  11:30-1:30