HIST 1100/H01 and H41 Introduction to World History Honors
Semester: Fall 2016
Location: Social Science 2033
Meeting Time: M and W 2 pm to 3:15 pm

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Course Communication: Email is the best way to communicate with me outside of class.
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What makes this an “honors class”? First, our textbook is not one of the traditional textbooks, which are usually heavy on facts and historical narratives of nations and civilizations. The book we will read for class is based on themes and patterns that have concerned all humans throughout history, and the book’s author gives (perhaps) more questions than statements. Second, this class does not rely on “PowerPoint” or multiple-choice exams, but will be structured around class student reports and daily discussions and debates. Third, students and professor will expect a high amount of seriousness and professionalism from each other, as we strive to find deeper meaning in the human condition while at the same time value the wisdom of unanswered questions.

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:
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 1100 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=24&poid=2668

Required Reading:
Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind  Author: Yuval Noah Harari
Attendance Policy:
Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.

Electronic Devices Policy: While use of laptops is permitted in this class, it is restricted to note taking. Phones and other devices should be hidden away. No electronics are permitted in the classroom during examinations.

Course Assessments/Grading/Assignments:
All grades will be based on daily assignments, consisting of student written and presented reports, and general classroom and homework participation. Each student will maintain a personal file of their work, and the professor will maintain files of work on each student as well. Students will be given their class standing (grade) four times during the semester, and in addition given an opportunity to discuss their grade/class standing with the professor.

Makeup Work and Late Assignments: Makeups are allowed with legitimate excuses such as inclement weather or documented medical or family emergencies. Weddings and vacations of any kind are not considered legitimate.

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.

Grading Scale
Students are evaluated on the following scale:
A - (90 – 100)
B - (80 - 89)
C - (70-79)
D - (60-69)
F - (0-59)
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 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.

It is recommended that you review the Student Code of Conduct as related to Academic Integrity by following the link above. Here are some link(s) to websites designed to help you avoid plagiarism.

Examples of Plagiarism Avoidance websites:
http://plagiarism.org/
http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml
http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html

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 Office of Student Disability Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Office of Student Disability 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. Student Disability Services is located in the Carmichael Student Center in Suite 267. Please visit the Student Disabilities Services website at www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/sds for more information, or call the office at 470-578-6443.

Course Schedule:
- Labor Day Sept 3
- Last date to withdraw without academic penalty = Oct 5
- Fall break: Nov 21 - 27
- Last day of classes: Dec 5

Final Exam: December 9; 6 pm to 8 pm

Tentative Schedule of Topics:
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