KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
HISTORY 1110
INTRODUCTION TO WORLD HISTORY
Spring Semester 2011
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00am--12:15pm
Social Science Classroom Building, Room 3029
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Course Content
This course covers over 4000 years of human history. Together, the class will examine a variety of intellectual, cultural, economic, social, and political trends, with the objective of gaining familiarity with several early world civilizations and cultures. In this manner, the student will acquire an appreciation for the importance these historical groups and societies in the development of today’s world. The class uses a global approach to world history and emphasizes the universal nature of the experience. I hope this class will be a two-way discussion between instructor and students in which each participant uses his/her background and experience to add value to the class. Come prepared each day to participate.

Required Text
Robert W. Strayer, Ways of the World, A Brief Global History, Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2009ISBN 10:0-312-45287-X; ISBN-13:978-0-312-45287-2. Students should complete all assigned readings before class. Do not fall behind on reading assignments. Although there will not be enough time to lecture upon all assigned readings in a particular class, the information in each assignment may be included on examinations.

The course schedule is subject to change. Students are responsible for any amendments to the reading list that the instructor may announce in class during the semester.

GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Students will be expected to demonstrate understanding of textbook and class lecture information. History 1110 fulfills a core requirement and is a rigorous class that requires extensive reading and writing.

Attendance:
The instructor will take roll on a regular basis. Excessive absences (more than three) will result in a lower class participation grade and will surely impair the student’s ability to succeed on examinations. When necessity prevents a student’s class attendance, he or she should assure the procurement of notes from a reliable source. Please be on time to class. I will take roll at the beginning of class. Students not present when the roll is passed will be counted as absent. No computers, ipods, cell phones, or other electronics in class unless cleared in advance. No recording of lectures is permitted unless arranged in advance with the instructor. There is no extra credit available in this course.
Assignments and Evaluations:
In order to effectively participate in class discussions and fully comprehend the materials presented in class, students must read all assignments. READ, READ, READ! Students are responsible for all information presented, so take notes during lectures, discussions, and films. Students should complete their work on schedule, and actively participate in class discussions. Although the daily subjects listed in the course schedule will usually reflect the topic of the lecture scheduled for a specific class period lectures and activities may vary from the prescribed reading agenda.

Students will earn grades for this course based on the following scheme:

- First Exam: 25%
- Second Exam: 25%
- Final Exam: 25%
- Class Participation: 25%

Students will receive their participation grade based on their individual contributions to classroom activities and attendance. Each class absence over three (3) will result in a twenty- (20%) percent reduction in the “Class Participation” grade. Additionally, classroom inattention to lectures – sleeping or talking – will result in a reduction of the “Class Participation” grade.

On examinations, grammar or spelling mistakes will not count against the student; nevertheless, his or her writing must be legible and comprehensible, and his or her responses should be well organized and reasoned. If the instructor cannot make sense of an answer, he will give no credit for that response.

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

- A = 90% or above
- B = 80% to 89%
- C = 70% to 79%
- D = 60% to 69%
- F = 59% and below

Code of Conduct: It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment which encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening and/or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is a violation of the Kennesaw State University Student Conduct Regulations. Students who are found guilty of such misconduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the institution. In addition, these violations of state law may also be subject to criminal action beyond the University disciplinary process.

Students will keep their cell phones in their pockets, packs, or purses, turning the ringer to vibrate or silent before entering the classroom. If a student’s cell phone rings while he or she is in the classroom, that individual should turn it off immediately and directly put it away. However, if the phone call is important, the student may leave the classroom and return the call while outside in the hall. When that phone call is finished, the student should quietly return to his or her seat. No student will have a cell phone in his or her hands for any other reason while he or she is in the classroom.
**WITHDRAWAL POLICY:** Students may withdraw from one or more courses any time before the last three weeks of the semester. However, as of fall 2005, students will be allowed a maximum of eight total withdrawals. To withdraw they should complete an official withdrawal form in the Office of the Registrar. Students who officially withdraw from courses before mid-semester will receive a “W” in those courses and receive no credit. They will not as a consequence suffer any academic penalty. The last day to withdraw without academic penalty is **Mar. 14th**. Students who officially withdraw after mid-semester (and before the last three weeks of the semester) will receive a “WF” which will be counted as an “F” in the calculation of the GPA. Students who simply stop attending classes without officially withdrawing are assigned failing grades. Students can appeal to academic standing for consideration of unusual circumstances.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY 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.

**Course Schedule:**

This course covers approximately 15 weeks with 30 class meetings. The Strayer textbook contains 24 chapters. That means we will be reading 2 chapters each week, 1 chapter per class meeting. The remaining weeks include Spring Break and the 3 exams and the reviews for those exams. Please read each chapter before coming to each class. The **first exam** is scheduled for Feb. 24, the **second exam** for March 31, and the **final exam** for the first week in May (TBA date). The exams will be essay exams written in pen in blue books (blank paper essay books) that can be purchased at the campus book store. These exam will be closed book with no notes, however, the in-class reviews for these exams will specify the particular questions, which means that the students will know the questions in advance and can therefore rely on his/her memory and ability to internalize learning. Your blue books must be purchased well before the exam date and given to the instructor who will mark it and return it on exam day. No blue book will be graded lacking the instructor’s mark.