Course Objectives:
“Not to know what happened before we are born is to remain perpetually a child.” – Cicero

As a part of the General Education Program in Kennesaw State University, the aim of this course is to provide the student the basic knowledge of world history that is expected of an educated person. We will look at the history of the human community from its earliest beginnings to the present. This survey will help the student develop an appreciation of other people and other cultures, and give a better understanding of why the world in which we live is the way it is.

Textbook: Edward H. Judge and John W. Langdon, Connections A World History, combined volume, 2nd ed. (Pearson, ISBN 12: 9780205835508) Students are responsible for all assigned readings as well as any films or videos that may be shown in class, whether they are present that day or not.

Other reading materials and supplemental materials will be provided through your instructor’s website, http://ksuweb.kennesaw.edu/~mracel/

Many of the materials provided through the website will require the Adobe Acrobat Reader which can be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com

Grading: The following grading system will be used to determine your final grade
A= 90.00% or higher B=89.99-80.00% C=79.99-70.00% D=69.99-60.00% F=Below 60.00%

Attendance / Participation / Class Decorum: Class attendance is mandatory. Roll will be taken every class. Students should make a strong, good-faith effort to attend every class. Students with no or a few legitimate, and documented absences may be granted a slight curve if the student’s final grade is borderline. If you missed a class, please send your instructor an email as soon as possible (within 48 hours) and explain the reason(s) why you had to miss a class. Documentation is required where appropriate.

Students who have 3 or more unexcused and undocumented absences will automatically fail this course. If you find yourself in a situation that forces you to miss classes, contact your instructor as soon as possible. If you cannot make a commitment to attend classes regularly, withdraw from this course. All students are responsible for the material covered in class. If you miss class, the responsibility is on the student to acquire notes etc. from a classmate and NOT from the instructor.

In an attempt to create an efficient learning environment, disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated. Some examples of disruptive behaviors include arriving late and/or leaving early, moving around and/or leaving the classroom, and talking to your neighbor. It is very distracting to instructor and other students when you leave and return to the room during class, so PLEASE do not leave unless you have some sort of genuine emergency. If you have to leave class early, please let your instructor know at the beginning of class. If you are more than 30 minutes late, don’t dare to ask to sign the class roll: you are considered absent.

Failure to comply with these requests will not only result in a penalty towards your attendance, but may also result in your dismissal from the classroom.

IMPORTANT Notice: Use of any personal electronic devises, including laptop computers, iPods, MP3 players, cell phones, are NOT permitted in the classroom. These devices have shown themselves to be sources of distraction and disruption of the class time. Failure to turn off these devices will result in a reduction of the student’s final grade by 5% for each interruption. In cases where there is a legitimate need for one of these devices, they may be approved by the instructor after a formal request that must include appropriate documentation for why the device is needed. After a review of the request, the instructor may grant permission to use the needed device.
Exams (80%): A total of three exams, including a non cumulative final exam will be given. Most test questions (80-90%) will be based on lecture material, but there will be some questions from textbook not covered in class. Not all materials covered in class can be found in the textbook. For each exam, you will have to choose from one of three formats:

- **Option A (No Essay)**: consists of objective questions, such as multiple choice, matching, etc. Your grade will be determined by the percentage of right answers.
- **Option B (Combination)**: consisted of objective questions, such as multiple choice, matching, etc and one essay question (at least two questions will be chosen from the study guide).
- **Option C (Non-Scantron)**: consists of two essay questions, identification, fill-in-the-blank/short answer, etc.

- If you wish to take Option C, you must submit a written request at least a week before the scheduled exam. If you fail to notify the instructor, you are required to take Option A or B.
- ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ESSAY VERSION OF THE TEST (Option B or C) AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE TERM TO MEET THE HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT'S WRITING REQUIREMENTS. Students may take more than one “Essay” test during the term if they wish. ANY STUDENT FAILING TO WRITE AN ESSAY BEFORE THE FINAL, WILL BE REQUIRED TO WRITE ONE ON THE FINAL EXAM OR RECEIVE ZERO POINTS FOR THAT PORTION OF THE TEST.

If you feel the need to question or discuss essay grade, submit a **TYPED REQUEST** along with copy of your essay to the instructor who will then provide a more detailed explanation for you in writing. All questions must be submitted in writing to the instructor on the next scheduled class day following the return of a test or other assignment. AFTER THE NEXT SCHEDULED CLASS ALL ARGUMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED CLOSED AND THE INSTRUCTOR WILL NO LONGER BE WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO PREVIOUS TESTS OR ASSIGNMENTS. Submitting request for review of your essay usually does not result in change of your essay grade (since there are usually valid reason for deduction of some points as well as for fairness to other students) unless you submit a very strong argument.

**Make-up exams will be given only reluctantly.** If a student knows that they will have to miss an exam during the semester, they are required to let the instructor know at least two weeks in advance of the test date. (No exams will be given prior to scheduled exam day). If some unforeseen tragedy or other unavoidable situation forces you to miss an exam, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor as soon as possible (Preferably before the date of the class to be missed, but absolutely NO later than next scheduled class meeting). The merits of your situation will be judged by the instructor on whether or not they deserve consideration. A **Typed request** for a make-up exam, which includes your name, telephone number, e-mail address, and reason for missing the exam, written documentation and or other evidence of circumstance such as a doctor’s note, newspaper obituary, court receipt etc. and a telephone number for verification of your claim will be required by the instructor in order to consider your request for a make-up exam. In the case of all documentation, students are required to bring both the original and a photocopy for the instructor to keep. Failure to provide all necessary documents will result in some form of penalty, including the refusal of a make-up exam. Students are almost never allowed to make-up more than one exam during a semester. **IN THE EVENT A MAKE-UP EXAM IS WARRANTED, IT WILL NOT BE MULTIPLE-CHOICE, INSTEAD IT WILL BE FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, SHORT ANSWER, DEFINITIONS, and ESSAYS. Failure to show up for a make-up exam will earn a zero and NO further make-ups will be allowed.**

Quizzes (20%) - There are two types of quizzes:

**Geography Review Quizzes:** There will be four geography quizzes (Asia, Europe, Africa, and Latin America), each quiz being made up of 20 questions. Please obtain the geography study guides at http://ksuweb.kennesaw.edu/~mracel/ Please be prepared to locate countries and geographical features listed on the study guides (matching format) and answer multiple choice questions based on the “Basic Geography Review.”

**Other Quizzes and Assignment:** Quizzes of various formats will be given throughout semester. Pop quiz(zes) and/or assignment(s) may be included in this category at your Instructor’s discretion.

**Quiz Policies:**

- Most quizzes are given at the beginning of class. Please be punctual, or you will not be allowed to take the quiz and will receive a grade of zero. If you are late on the quiz day, please wait outside of the classroom until everyone is finished taking the quiz and I will allow you into the class. A quiz will take less than 10 minutes to complete.
- The lowest quiz or assignment grade will be dropped.
• If you miss a quiz due to absence or tardiness, you will receive a grade of zero for that quiz. There will be no make-up quizzes since the lowest grade will be dropped. I will make exceptions to this only if a student misses more than one quiz, and then only in officially sanctioned cases as mandated by school rules (e.g. taking the Regent Test, etc.). Illness is not a reason for being allowed to make up a quiz.

Extra Credit: There is NONE. Don’t ask for it. Do a quality work in the first place.

Withdrawal: June 27, 2012 is the last day students can withdraw from this course without academic penalty. Failure to officially withdraw from the class will result in receiving “F” for the course grade.

Contacting the Instructor: The best way to contact your instructor is through e-mail ksuhistory@hotmail.com. Do not use WEB CT email. Please include your full name and the class you are enrolled (such as HIST 1110: MW 8:00). DO NOT send any attachments. All correspondence must be included in the text of the email. DO NOT CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AT PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNLESS GIVEN SPECIFIC PERMISSION TO DO SO BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

Problems and Personal Matters: If you have any difficulty with this course, such as understanding the readings or lectures please contact me. If you have any personal issues that may affect how well you do in the course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to be familiar and to comply with the regulations regarding academic honesty as described in the Kennesaw State University Catalog.

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 that 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). (from Section II-A of the KSU Student Code of Conduct, as modified for Fall semester 2011)

Students found violating any of these policies (especially plagiarism and cheating) WILL AUTOMATICALLY FAIL this course and be turned over to the appropriate school authorities for further prosecution. There will be no exceptions. If you need help in adding citations, speak to your instructor about the proper way to document your work.

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Summer 2012: World History
Tentative Reading /Lecture Schedule

• The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule.
• Special topics may be covered anytime at the instructor’s discretion.
• In case of inclement weather, check the KSU website http://www.kennesaw.edu/ under “Campus Advisories” for the school’s status.
  If the school closes, all scheduled events will be automatically moved to the next class meeting. For example, if the school closes on the day an exam was scheduled, then the exam will be held when the class meets next.

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Statement of Acknowledgment and Understanding

I have read and understand all the rules and conditions presented in this document. I further understand that it is my responsibility to read the entire document and ask questions of the instructor to clarify any points that I do not understand or that are not clear upon reading. Once this statement has been signed and returned to the instructor it is implied that I understand the contents as they appear and are interpreted by the Instructor, and thus waive any opportunity to ask for clarification or challenge anything presented in the proceeding pages of this document. Interpretation of the contents is solely up to the instructor and is not open to debate at any time with the student. My signature on this document is required in order to qualify to take any exam in this course. Failure to return a signed and unaltered copy of this document to the instructor before the first exam will result in the Instructor’s refusal to allow me to take the exam.

I have read all of the items contained in the entire syllabus and have asked for clarification from the Instructor on any points upon which I needed further clarification.

Printed Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Date: ____________