HIST 1111
Introduction to Pre-Modern World History
Semester: Summer 2017
Time & Location: Online
Contact Information

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Electronic Communication

If you need to contact me with a time sensitive (emergency) question/issue, please use my KSU email address or call my office phone.

For all other communication, please use the D2L email system ONLY.

Note: The University provides all KSU students with an “official” email account with the address “students.kennesaw.edu” and a D2L email account. As a result of federal laws protecting educational information and other data, these are the only email accounts you should use to communicate with your instructor or other University officials.
Course Description:
This course is a survey of world history to early modern times. The course examines the political, economic, social, and cultural history of the world with a focus on connections and interactions.

Learning Objectives:

HIST 1111 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

Pre-Requisites
Successful completion of all Learning Support English requirements.
Course Goals

1. Students will be introduced to history as a field of academic study.
2. Students will be able to describe the general narrative of human social development from the Neolithic to the Information Age with attention to the interaction between civilizations and to the interplay of change and continuity in the human experience.
3. Students will be able to identify major historical periods and compare the important political, social, economic, cultural, and ideological characteristics of each.
4. Students will be able to identify specific historical events and periods in history and place events accurately in chronological relation to other events and cultural developments.
5. Students will be able to identify characteristics of cultural diversity in the world.
6. Students will be able to distinguish recurring themes in human experience.
7. Students will be able to identify the relationship between technological and social change.
8. Students will be able to identify the major geographic place-names relevant to world history and contemporary affairs.
9. Students will be able to describe particular historical events within a broader historical context.
10. Students will be able to identify the role of the past in the events of the present.
Required Reading and Technology


- Online access to Desire2Learn ([https://kennesaw.view.usg.edu/](https://kennesaw.view.usg.edu/)).
- You will need a computer with a functioning internal or external camera & microphone (purchased for $10-$15 on Amazon if you do not have them), sound card, and dependable/strong Internet access.
- You will need Microsoft Office Suite including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Explorer, PowerPoint, and Flash. You can download a free clone version of MS Office at [http://www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org)
- You will also need Adobe's Flash Player and Adobe reader, both available free from [http://www.adobe.com/](http://www.adobe.com/)
• Technical support is your responsibility. If a document or lecture does not open for you, let your professor know. Your professor may be able to answer common or more universal problems. However, your professor is NOT technical support.

• You should immediately contact UITS for help. If UITS cannot solve the issue quickly, they will give you a ticket number and get back to you. Please write down this number as I will ask for it in the event I need to get involved in solving the problem.

• If the problem is on your end (your computer, your software, your modem), it is your responsibility to find someone on your end to help you with the problem or arrange for use of another computer/connection.
Attendance Policy & Course Expectations

• Students are expected to attend the electronic lectures in a timely fashion and to keep up with the course schedule. Attendance is monitored using D2L. Late assignments may or may not be accepted for half credit at the discretion of the instructor. Late exam essays lose 1 letter grade per day (24 hour period) late. Day 1 of a late assignment begins immediately after the exam due date and time.

• No points will be awarded for items more than 6 days late.

• Students are required to view and listen to the voiceover powerpoint lectures. Just as with a face-to-face class, students are expected to take notes on the powerpoint lectures. These notes will be used to study for quizzes, exams, and answer essay questions. If a question arises over the grading of an essay, the student will be asked to provide a copy of their lecture notes to the instructor before any lengthy conversations occur.

  • **Warning:** lectures are the same length of time as if you were sitting in a traditional classroom. The benefit of online lectures is you have the luxury of being able to pause and review missed information and you do not have to sit through the entire lecture at once like you do in a classroom. **Take advantage of this luxury!** If you find yourself unable to focus for whatever reason, pause the lecture until you are able to focus again. Do NOT wait until the last minute to listen to the lectures at once.

• Also, students should view the netiquette guidelines for information regarding behavioral expectations for online students.
Course Assessments and Assignments

Lecture Quizzes: 10 pts each x 10 = 100 points
• Students will complete a minimum of 10 quizzes based upon the voiceover powerpoint lectures. These quizzes will be limited in time. It is advisable for students to listen and take notes on the lecture, read over their notes, and then take the quiz. Each quiz consists of material covered from the end of the previous quiz period through the current day listed.

Reading Assessments (Crosswords): 10 pts each x 10 = 100 points
• Students will be assessed on information contained in the readings. These assessments are NOT timed. When a student completes the assessment exercise, a "screen shot" should be taken of the completed assignment and emailed to the professor (using the D2L email system) as an attachment (see the Crossword Assignment Instructions in the Essential Documents folder for more information).

Virtual Museum Assignment: 5 pts each x 20 = 100 points
• For EACH lecture day, students will surf the internet for an image of architecture, art, or an artifact from the time period and culture(s) discussed in that lectures. The image will be copied and posted to the Virtual Museum (see content modules) with a short accompanying text explaining what this image/object tells us about the people who created it. In addition, students will comment upon TWO of their classmates' postings. These are ALL or NONE assignments; to receive credit for each assignment, students must adhere to ALL requirements outlined in the Virtual Museum Instructions found in the Essential Documents folder.
Course Assessments and Assignments

**Exams: 100 pts each (Objective 60 pts + Subjective 40 pts) x 2 = 200 points**

- Exams will be posted in a "window" of accessibility as listed on the Course Calendar. Exams are not counted as part of the weekly content, so plan for extra time during these weeks. Each exam will take place in two parts - Objective (multiple choice, true/false, etc.= 60%) and Subjective (Essay = 40%).

- The Objective portion of the exam will be limited in terms of time and question access. Instructions will be posted at exam time.

- The Subjective portion of the exam will consist of an essay question (see the ESSAY RUBRIC below and in the Essential Documents folder) to be completed and in the appropriate dropbox folder **before** the "exam window" closes. Students will receive "comments" via grademark concerning their essay after it has been graded (up to a week after the exam). Again, students should leave ample time to complete BOTH portions of the exam.
Grades

Final course grades are based on a possible **500 points** in total for all exams, assessments, and assignments. Assignment grades will be posted/updated on D2L on a regular (usually weekly) basis. Exam essay grades may take up to one week to be posted.

- Lecture Quizzes: 10 pts each x 10 = 100 points
- Reading Assessments (Crosswords): 10 pts each x 10 = 100 points
- Virtual Museum Assignment: 5 pts each x 20 = 100 points
- Exams: 100 points each (Objective 60 pts + Subjective 40 pts) x 2 = 200 points
- Total points = 500 points

**Final Course Grades:**
- A = 500-450 pts.
- B = 449-400 pts.
- C = 399-350 pts.
- D = 349-300 pts.
- F = 299-0 pts.

There is no extra credit for this class! BUT, you will notice that there are more quizzes, crosswords, and Virtual Museum assignments posted than required. Consider these extra credit. For example, there are only 10 quizzes required to reach 100 points, but 13 quizzes are available giving you the opportunity to make 30 extra points. Take advantage of these opportunities!

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.

**NOTE:** If there is a question concerning any grades, the student must submit a typed request explaining the concern to the instructor within one week of receiving the graded assignment or test. The instructor will consider the request and schedule a meeting with the student if necessary. If a question arises over the grading of an essay, the student will be asked to provide a copy of their lecture notes to the instructor before any lengthy conversations occur.
Quiz & Exam Failures

• If a student scores below 60% on either the multiple choice or essay portion of the midterm exam, they will be required to submit their lectures notes to the instructor and schedule a meeting (in person or virtually) with the instructor to discuss ways the students may improve their grades in the future.

• If a student scores below 50% on two consecutive lecture quizzes, they will be required to submit their lectures notes to the instructor and schedule a meeting (in person or virtually) with the instructor to discuss ways the students may improve their grades in the future.
Academic Integrity

• 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.

• 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.

• Please note that plagiarism detection software is in place in this course for all assignments. I take instances of plagiarism very seriously. If I have questions about the integrity of your work, I will ask to meet with you. If outstanding questions remain, I will adhere to the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program above.

Please note: the penalty for cheating and/or plagiarism in this course is an automatic failing grade for the semester.

• If a student is unsure of what constitutes plagiarism or how to avoid it, it is recommended that they access the following websites. NO excuses along the lines of “I didn’t know I was plagiarizing” will be accepted.

• http://plagiarism.org/
• http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml
• http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html
How this Course Works

• History 1111 is an online introduction to pre-modern world history. The course is divided into online modules that run daily Monday-Thursday most weeks (The schedule will run Tuesday-Friday for the first week, week of July 4th, and last week of classes). All listed assignments are due by 5:00 PM of the posted date.

• Access to course content will run in 3 week blocks.

• **Previous week's material** - voiceover powerpoint available, all graded assignments are closed.

• **Current week's material** - voiceover powerpoint available, all graded assignments due 5:00 PM of dates listed.

• **Next week's material** – can be worked on early if scheduling conflicts are foreseen.

• Course content (including assignments/quizzes) will become visible by 5:00 PM each Sunday. You choose when you access the content within the given time frames. Review of the assignments should take you around 1-3 hours per day. It is advisable to plan for possible breaks, interruptions, and technical difficulties. In other words, waiting until the last possible moment to access the material may result in missed information and grades, resulting in a lower course grade. This is a summer course (condensed schedule). You should expect to spend about 10-12 hours per week on this course, including reviewing materials, completing activities, and reading your textbook. If you foresee possible scheduling conflicts for a certain week, it is advisable that you work ahead on the next week's course material.

• Please note: All voiceover powerpoints will be removed during the exam windows. Only archived non-voiceover powerpoints will be available during the exam window for study purposes.

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Additional Information

1. Your professor will respond to D2L email within 24-48 hours during the week and ASAP on weekends. If you require a more immediate response, you may also call 470-578-2280 or visit the KSU campus, Social Sciences building, Room 4124. You may wish to call and make an appointment if you plan a visit--just so that the amount of time you think you will need will be reserved for you.

2. Students are responsible for any information or changes in schedule posted in the “news” box of the main course page.

3. You will need basic computer skills. Can you find a web site if you are given a web address? Can you send and receive an email? Can you attach files and open attachments? If you can, then you will probably have few problems with the technology in this course. You will also need regular access to a computer and Internet service. You can use the labs on campus if you buy a set of headphones. Consider backup places that you will go if your preferred computer access point fails. For example, if you try to get on the internet and you find your home access won't work, where will you go? Then, if during the class you have trouble, you can go to your backup place. Can you go to the local library? To the local community college? To your Aunt's house? If you have no backup places, you probably don't need to take this course. In other words, if your internet fails, it may severely hinder your progress in this class.
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.

• For more information please visit their website, sss.kennesaw.edu/sds.

• Contact information is as follows:

  SDS Email: sds@kennesaw.edu
  Primary number for Kennesaw campus: 470-578-2666
  Primary number for Marietta campus: 470-578-7361
Software Accessibility Statements

D2L:
http://www.brightspace.com/about/accessibility/standards/

VoiceThread:
http://voicethread.com/about/features/accessibility/

Privacy Statements:

D2L: http://www.brightspace.com/legal/privacy/

VoiceThread: https://voicethread.com/support/howto/Privacy_and_Security/
KSU provides a variety of services to foster and support student success. To learn more, use the link http://www.kennesaw.edu/studentsuccessservices/
Essay Rubric

A = Excellent (80-72 points). Your essay will:

• Have a strong thesis (main point) that is clearly supported by an organized essay
• Provide excellent examples from **both reading and lecture notes** to support your thesis.
• Cover nearly all of the appropriate material provided to the student through both the lectures and readings to answer ALL parts of the question.
• Show thorough comprehension of the ideas presented in class and in the readings.
• Demonstrate innovative ideas and approaches.
• Have strong analyses of material and arguments found in lecture and reading.
• Contextualize ideas and arguments to the overall historical period.
• Have proper citations, if needed.
• Be written clearly, with few errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation or usage.
B = Very Good (71-64 points). Your essay will:

- Have a good thesis that is supported by a mostly well-organized essay.
- Provide appropriate examples from **both reading and lecture notes** to support your thesis.
- Cover much of the appropriate material provided to the student through both the lectures and readings to answer ALL parts of the question.
- Demonstrate comprehension of the ideas presented in the lectures and readings.
- Analyze material and arguments found in the lectures and readings.
- Connect ideas and arguments to the overall historical period.
- Have proper citations, if needed.
- Be written clearly, with minor errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation or usage.
C = Good/Average (63-56 points). Your essay will:

• Have a thesis, perhaps flawed, or one that is incompletely supported by the essay.
• Somewhat organized, but some supporting facts appear disjointed ("fact salad")
• Provide examples from both reading and lecture notes to support your thesis.
• Cover an average amount of the appropriate material provided to the student through both the lectures and readings to answer ALL parts of the question.
• Demonstrate basic comprehension of the ideas presented in the lectures and readings.
• Reveal some incompleteness in the material found in the lectures and readings.
• Incompletely analyze material and arguments found in the lectures and readings.
• Incompletely connect ideas and arguments to the overall historical period.
• Improper use of citations.
• Be written clearly, with some errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation or usage.
D = Below Average (55-48 points).
Your essay will have one or more major problems:

- A weak thesis; or one that is incompletely supported by the essay.
- Incomplete or weak organization, largely disjointed ("fact salad")
- Weak examples or neglect to include examples from **both reading and lecture notes** to support your thesis.
- Show minimal comprehension of the ideas presented in the lectures and readings.
- Partially analyze material and arguments found in the lectures and readings.
- Missing necessary citation.
- Show lack of coherence, or many errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation or usage.
F = Failing (47-0 points).
Your essay will receive an F if it meets **ANY** of the criteria below:

- Does not meet the minimum requirements for a D.
- **Minimal to no use of material covered in lectures evident in the essay.**
- Shows clear evidence of plagiarism.
- **Does not fulfill the requirements of the assignment, including failing to answer ALL parts of the question.**
- Contains unacceptable amount of compositional errors.
- Written in stream of consciousness or incoherent argumentation (babbling)