

SYLLABUS

Class: Introduction to World History
Professor: Patrick G. Zander
Meeting Time: T, TH 12:30 – 1:45 pm
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Course Description and Objectives: This course is the general survey of world history required as part of Kennesaw State University's General Education Program. There has been some problem in the past with college graduates leaving school without an adequate general understanding of the world community. In a world where business, government, and education are becoming more global enterprises, generally educated citizens need a broader historical background. In this course, then, we will cover a great deal of material from earliest times and the arrival of "civilization" all the way to the present day. We will examine the most important people, ideas, movements, and events all in world terms including: the greatest cultures of antiquity, the development of the world's most prevalent religions, the ebb and flow of Empires across the world, the "awakening" of the West in the Early Modern era, the Industrial Revolution (and the rise of industrial capitalism) and its political and social influences, the era of High Imperialism and particular "colonial encounters," the World Wars, and finally the world dimensions of the "Cold War" in the 20th Century.

Texts for the Course: The course requires only one text book which is listed below. There are, however, two other outside readings, also listed below.

Jerry H. Bentley, Herbert F. Ziegler, and Heather E. Streets, eds. Traditions and Encounters: A Brief Global History. (New York: McGraw Hill).

Bartolomeo De Las Casas. A Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indies

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. The Communist Manifesto

Participation, Class Conduct and Ethics: It is important for students to have consistent and regular attendance in class. The professor emphasizes class lectures on the exams so attendance is extremely important. At the collegiate level, the classroom certainly represents a community

of learning and distractions or disrespectful conduct inhibits the learning of all. As such, the students are expected to be attentive, engaged and respectful to both the instructor and the other members of the class. The professor includes a percentage of the total grade based on participation and conduct and calculates this portion of the grade subjectively. Finally, all students are expected to adhere to the KSU standards of honesty. All work must, of course, be your own and any instances of dishonesty are subject to the disciplinary policies of the Kennesaw State Code of Academic Honesty.

Examinations: There will be three examinations in the class. Each exam will be worth 100 points toward your final grade, and so 300 points in total. My exams are multiple-choice. Each exam will cover one of the three modules of the course (Antiquity, The Era of Equilibrium Among Civilizations, and the Modern Era of Disequilibrium). As such, the Final Exam is not cumulative.

Quizzes: There will be three quizzes in the course, based on outside readings. Quizzes will be worth twenty points each and 60 points in total. The first quiz will simply cover basic world geography as this understanding will be essential to the course. The second deals with the Spanish “Conquistadores” in the New World during the 1500’s. The final reading will be Karl Marx’s “Communist Manifesto,” which inspired people all over the world to turn away from industrial capitalism and toward Communist societies...the results of which, of course, are still with us.

Grading: The Grading scale is a simple “raw points” and percentage system, with no weighting. The totals are as follows:

Exams	300
Quizzes	60
<u>Part.</u>	<u>40</u>
Total:	400

360 and Above = A, 320 and Above = B, 280 and Above = C, 240 and Above = D

CALENDAR AND LECTURE PLAN

Intro to World History, Professor Zander

MODULE ONE: Development of Civilizations & the Ancient World (4000 BCE – 500 CE)

Tue.	Aug. 18	Class Introduction and Syllabus Review
Th.	Aug. 20	The Development of Man, Peopling the Earth, & the Path to Civilization
Tue.	Aug. 25	History Begins at Sumer: Civilization takes root in the Mesopotamian Valley (4000-2004 BCE)
Th.	Aug. 27	The Gift of the Nile: The Civilization of Ancient Egypt (3000 – 712 BCE) (Chapter 2, pp. 25-36)
Tue.	Sep. 1	The Ancient Near East from Babylonia to the Persians (1750-500 BCE)
Th.	Sep. 3	The Birth of Civilization in India and China (3000 – 500 BCE)
Tue.	Sep. 8	The Birth of Civilization in India and China QUIZ #1 – World Geography (Chapter 3)
Th.	Sep. 10	The Birth of Western Civilization – Ancient Greece (Chapter 8, pp. 132-143)
Tue.	Sep. 15	The Decline of Greece and the Emergence of Rome and its Empire (Chapter 8, pp. 144-153)
Th.	Sep. 17	The Emergence of Christianity and the Transformation of the Roman Empire (0-410 CE) (Chapter 8, pp. 144-153)
Tue.	Sep. 22	Political and Religious Developments of the Eastern Axial Age (500 BCE – 500 CE) (Chapters 6 and 7)
Th.	Sep. 24	EXAMINATION ONE

MODULE TWO: The Era of Equilibrium between Civilizations (500-1500 CE)

- Tue. Sep. 29 Africa from the Bantu Migrations to the 15th Century
(Chapter 2, pp. 37-39, Chapter 16)
- Th. Oct. 1 The Middle Ages in Europe (410-1400 CE)
(Chapters 14, 17)
- Tue. Oct. 6 The Emergence and Expansion of Islam (610 – 1200 CE)
- Th. Oct. 8 China from the Sui Dynasty to the Mongol Conquest (500 – 1279)
(Chapter 12, pp. 211-223)
- Tue. Oct. 13 FILM: “Distant Voices” from *CONNECTIONS* by James Burke
- Th. Oct. 15 East and West..... East vs. West? The Silk Road, Crusades and the
Mongol Advance
(Chapters 9, 15)
- Tue. Oct. 20 The Civilizations of the Americas from Earliest Times to 1492
(Chapter 18, 317-326)
- Th. Oct. 22 The Expansion of Europe and the Colonial Encounter in the New World
(1419-1650), **QUIZ #2**
(Chapter 20)
- Tue. Oct. 27 **EXAMINATION TWO**

MODULE THREE: The Era of Disequilibrium (1500 – 1945)

- Th. Oct. 29 The Transformation of Europe – PART I (The Renaissance and the
Reformation)
(Chapter 21, pp. 377-380)
- Tue. Nov. 3 The Transformation of Europe Part II (The Scientific Revolution and the
Enlightenment)
(Chapter 21 pp. 377-380)
- Th. Nov. 5 Europe’s Age of Revolutions (1642-1815)

- Tue. Nov. 10 The Industrial Revolution and the Rise of Industrial Capitalism
- Th. Nov. 12 The Age of New Imperialism and the Colonial Encounter (1815-1914)
(Chapter 29)
- Tue. Nov. 17 World War I: The Road to War and the Cataclysm (1870-1918)
QUIZ #3
- Th. Nov. 19 The Russian Revolution and the “Socialist Moment” in
Europe (1917-1922)
(Chapter 31)
- Tue. Nov. 24 The Rise and Expansion of Fascism (1919-1939)
- Th. Nov. 26 **THANKSGIVING/FALL BREAK HOLDIAY – NO CLASS**
- Tue. Dec. 1 The Second World War (1939-1945)
(Chapter 33)
- Th. Dec. 3 The Global Dimensions of the Cold War (1945-1991) and
Class Wrap-Up (Chapter 34)
- FINAL EXAM: Time and Date to be Determined (Dec. 4 through 10)**