World History to 1500

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| **C-ID Number** | HIST 150 |
| **Discipline** | History |
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## General Course Description

Survey of the development of world civilizations to 1500.

## Minimum Units

3.0

## Any rationale or comments

## Advisories/Recommendations

## Course Content

Prehistoric humans and their migrations.
Emergence of agrarian societies.
Early complex societies 3500-500 B.C.E.
Formation of classical societies 500 B.C.E.– 500 C.E.
Development of major belief systems.
The post classical era 500-1000 C.E.
The acceleration of cross cultural interaction 1000 – 1500 C.E.
 Development and interrelations between major states and empires.
Relationship between humans and the environment.

## Laboratory Activities

## Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

Demonstrate the ability to interpret primary and secondary sources and to compose an argument which uses them, as appropriate, for support.
Analyze broad patterns of change on both interregional scales and within complex societies.
Demonstrate an understanding of civilization through multiple analytical categories such as race, class, gender and ethnicity.
Explain ways in which the world’s physical and natural environment has affected and been affected by developments in human history.
Analyze ways in which human groups have interacted with one another, including trade, migration, warfare, cultural exchange, and biological exchange, from early times to 1500 C.E.
Compare distinctive forms of political, social, and economic organization in the world and explain their historical significance.
Identify major discoveries, inventions, and scientific achievements and explain their historical significance.
Explain the historical significance of cultural developments such as art, music, architecture, literature and religion.
Compare ideals, practices, and historical developments of major belief systems.
Analyze historical developments across national, regional, and cultural boundaries.

## Prerequisites

## Corequisites

None

## Methods of Evaluation

Will include:

Written essays and/or research projects.
Essay exams.

 Can also include:

Classroom discussions that include primary and secondary sources.
Objective exams.
Classroom projects and presentations.

## Sample Textbooks

Bentley, Traditions and EncountersBuillett, The Earth and Its PeoplesDuiker, World HistoryFernandez Armesto,  The WorldHill, A History of World SocietiesSpielvogel, World HistorySpodek, The World’s History

## Notes