

# HIST 2321.001: WORLD CIVILIZATION I

Course Syllabus: Fall 2017 Monday/Wednesday 11:00 - 12:20 class

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Office	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Online
Hours	8:00 - 9:20		8:00 - 9:20			
	12:30 – 1:30		12:30 - 1:30			

The instructor may adjust course requirements throughout the semester. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any changes.

#### **Catalog Course Description (include prerequisites:** 3 credit hours.

Lecture/Lab/Clinical: Three hours of class each week.

A survey of the social, political, economical, cultural, religious, and intellectual history of the world from the emergence of human cultures through the 15th century. The course examines major cultural regions of the world in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania and their global interactions over time. Themes include the emergence of early societies, the rise of civilizations, the development of political and legal systems, religion and philosophy, economic systems and trans-regional networks of exchange. The course emphasizes the development, interaction and impact of global exchange.

#### **Required Textbook(s):**

Traditions and Encounters: A Brief Global History. 4th edition, Bentley

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Copyright 16

**ISBN Number:** 0073513326

Recommended Reading(s): Course text is the only required book.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- 1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
- 2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
- 3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of world history.

#### Lectures & Discussions:

See calendar

#### Calendar:

August 28:	Introduction to Class
August 30:	Chapter 1
September 4:	Labor Day Holiday
September 6:	Chapter 2
September 11 & 13:	Chapter 3 & Chapter 4
September 18 & 20:	Chapter 5
September 25 & 27:	Independent Study Week
October 2:	Test 1
October 4:	Chapter 6
October 9 & 11:	Chapter 7
October 16 & 18:	Chapter 8
October 23 & 25:	Chapter 9
October 30 & November 1:	Chapter 10
November 6:	Test 2
November 8:	Chapter 11
November 13:	Research Paper Due
November 13 & 15:	Chapter 12
November 20:	Chapter 13
November 21:	Last Day to Withdraw with a "W"
November 22-24:	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4&6	Chapter 14 & Chapter 15
December 11:	FINAL EXAM
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# Final Exam Monday, December 11 at 11:00am in the classroom

# **Evaluation/Grading Policy:**

The instructor posts attendance, test, and assignment scores on Blackboard. Students need to check regularly to make sure all their assignments have been submitted and graded.

## **Total Semester Points: 700**

Grade Scale: A --- 631-700 points

B --- 561-630 points C --- 491-560 points D --- 421-490 points F --- 0-420 points Each test's value is 100 points

A --- 90-100 points

B --- 80-89 points

C --- 70-79 points

D --- 60-69 points

F --- 0-59 points

Research Paper's Value: 100 points and follows the test grade scale. Attendance is 10 points per session. 30 sessions = 300 points.

#### **Other Course Requirements:**

Students will need #2 pencils and Scantron answer sheets, which are available in the NTCC College Book Store, for tests.

#### **Tests/Exams:**

See calendar above

# **Assignments:**

## Research Assignment:

Each student will complete and submit a 6-7 page research paper. The paper will have one inch left/right, top/bottom margins and double spaced 12-point font. Research a historic event or important person. Analyze and explain the event or person's historical significance and impact on the world's political system, economy, societal institution or cultural group. You may use the course text and other books from the NTCC Learning Common. Do not use the internet. You may use the NTCC library databases. Please save the following login credentials to access the Library's databases *off-campus*. If you are on campus, no login is required. Username: **library** Password: **learningcommons** (All letters must be lowercase.)

Utilize Spell and Grammar Check tools in your word processor to correct errors. If you require assistance with grammar, punctuation and active voice sentence construction, please make an appointment with any Write Smart tutor at the NTCC Learning Common. The tutors provide free assistance.

The college requires all students adherence to strict academic integrity standards. Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism occurs when you quote any published source without a reference in a bibliography or works cited page. Place "quotation" marks before and after any word, phrase or sentence you quote in the paper from any source(s). Write the author's last name and page number in (parentheses) immediately after the quoted words. In the bibliography or works cited page, provide the author's last name, first name or initial, middle name or initial, (if available), full book title, publisher and copyright date, in that order in MLA format. The reference page should list two or more sources.

Upload the completed paper to a link in your student Blackboard account. The link forwards the paper to: turnitin.com, which checks for plagiarism. If turnitin.com discovers any quotations that lack a bibliographical reference, you risk an F for the assignment or course. Submit paper no later than November 13, 2017.

#### **Student Responsibilities/Expectations:**

- 1. Multiple absences without notification to the Admissions Office or instructor may result in an F for the course. Tuesday, November 21, 2017 is the last day to drop with a W.
- 2. Treat the course like employment. You earn money for work. The employer deducts pay if you are absent, tardy or leave early. In this course, regular attendance is vital. You earn 10 points for attendance and lose 5 for tardiness or leaving early. Do not schedule appointments with other instructors or advisors during class time. Complete all communications and correspondences with outside contacts before or after class. If you miss a session for legitimate reasons, ask a classmate for notes or other course adjustments and updates.
- 3. Each student may use up to three full credit excusable absences. Alert the instructor via email on, or prior to absences for full credit. Students, who miss four or more consecutive classes, without contacting the instructor, may fail or be withdrawn from the course.
- 4. The course calendar lists test dates. If absent, it is the student's responsibility to arrange a test makeup with the instructor. Makeup test questions are from the textbook, not lecture. You must attend the last session and complete a final test on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 11:00am, failure to do so will result in an F for the course.
- 5. Please review the NTCC Student Handbook's behavioral standards online. The college promotes and maintains a professional, dignified environment for faculty and students. Please treat all in a professional manner. Arrive punctually at 11:00am for each session. Listen attentively to lectures, participate in group discussions and eliminate distractions such as talking to fellow students, texting or viewing Internet sites, on cell phone, IPads and laptops, unrelated to World Civilization.
- 6. You committed to all course requirements at enrollment, therefore, adhere to the syllabus guidelines. Please attend the sessions read the textbook chapters, complete the research paper and take all tests listed in the calendar.
- 7. Communicate with the instructor for HIST 2321.001 through: jrusso@ntcc.edu for all correspondence. Check your personal Blackboard account for attendance, exam and assignment scores.
- 8. It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the course for illness, job transfer or other unforeseen reasons. If you withdraw, notify Admissions and the instructor to avoid an F for the course. Please report changes in contact information, such as residential and email addresses or phone numbers to the Admissions Office.

#### **Other Course Policies:**

Turn off cell phones, alarms, and other devices that cause distractions. Texting in class is unacceptable. If you have an emergency call, step outside the classroom to answer it so as not to be a distraction.

#### **NTCC Academic Honesty Statement:**

"Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook."

#### **Academic Ethics:**

The college expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject.

#### **ADA Statement:**

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with Shannin Garrett, Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in the College Connection. She can be reached at 903-434-8218. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the <a href="NTCC website - Special Populations">NTCC website - Special Populations</a>.

#### Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act (Ferpa):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.