

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: HIST-102: World Civilizations 1 - Pre 1450

CLASS SECTION: 001

TERM: Fall 2021

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): In-Person / on campus

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Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable explanation in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student.

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: Monday and Wednesday 12:30-2:30, or by appointment

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students study historical events in a global context, focusing on the evolution of leading civilizations by identifying major stages in their development. The major characteristics and frameworks of the interaction between peoples and societies around the globe are emphasized.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C+ in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Examine how different cultures can understand one another through shared historical information.
2. Study the phenomenon of change in human experience, how change connects the past to the present.
3. Recognize that world history cannot be seen merely as a mirror reflecting Western viewpoints and cultures. There are older cultures and societies outside of the western tradition.
4. Examine how economies, cultures, diplomacy, politics, etc. are shaped by developments around the world, how an international context is key to understanding local and national affairs.
5. Recognize that key aspects of the past and present have been shaped by global forces--exchanges of foods, technologies, religions, ideas, diseases, etc.
6. Focus on the activities of human civilizations rather than human history as a whole, where civilization is defined as "a form of human social organization that arises from the capacity of certain peoples to produce food surpluses beyond their basic needs, and to develop a variety of specialized occupations, a heightened social differentiation on a class and gender basis, intensified economic exchanges between social groups, an regional and long-distance trading networks. Surplus agricultural production spurs the growth of large towns and then cities inhabited by merchants, artisans, ritual specialists, and political leaders. Both specialization and town life contribute to an increase in creativity and innovation that have been characteristic of all civilizations." Peter Stearns et al. *World Civilizations, the Global Experience*. New York: Harper Collins, 1992.
7. Compare different civilizations through time.
8. Examine contacts between cultures and the responses adopted by each to those contacts.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

- (a) Pollard, Rosenberg, Tignor, et al., *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A History of the World from the Beginnings of Humankind to the Present. With Sources, Vol. 1* (3rd Concise Ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 2021) – with InQuizitive online access (code included in the textbook).
- (b) History Department Style Guide and Seminar Readings on D2L course website

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Lectures: Monday 2:30-4:20 pm in Y-317

Seminar Group A: Wednesday 2:30-3:20 in Y-317

Seminar Group B: Wednesday 3:30-4:20 in Y-317

Note: This schedule is subject to minor changes – the instructor will discuss any changes at the beginning of each class. The Course Readings List is included in this course outline.

Week 1 (Sept. 6-12)

Wed. Sept. 8: Introduction and course business

Week 2 (Sept. 13-19)

☞ **Online Quiz #1** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 1*) – Monday Sept. 13 (*always at noon*)

Mon. Sept. 13: LECTURE: The Origins of Human Societies

Wed. Sept. 15: SEMINAR: Where does History begin?

📖 Textbook Chapter 1: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 48.

ON D2L: 📖 Selection of Origin Stories from:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/big-history-project/what-is-big-history/origin-stories/a/activity-intro-to-origin-stories1>

☞ **Paper due on Wednesday Sept. 15 at Midnight (Reading Response #1, Option 1).**

Week 3 (Sept. 20-26)

☞ **Online Quiz #2** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 2*) – Monday Sept. 20

Mon. Sept. 20: LECTURE: The Emergence of Cities and States

Wed. Sept. 22: SEMINAR: The emergence of historical records.

📖 Textbook Chapter 2: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 101.

ON D2L: 📖 1. Epic of Gilgamesh (synopsis and analysis):

http://www.ancient-literature.com/other_gilgamesh.html

2. The Osirian Cycle: <https://www.laits.utexas.edu/cairo/teachers/osiris.pdf>

☞ **Paper due on Wednesday Sept. 22 at Midnight (Reading Response #1, Option 2).**

Week 4 (Sept. 27-Oct. 3)

☞ **Online Quiz #3** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 3*) – Monday Sept. 27

Mon. Sept. 27: LECTURE: State Structures and their Challengers

Wed. Sept. 29: SEMINAR: Codifying Laws, Regulating Societies

📖 Textbook Chapter 3: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 151.

Week 5 (Oct. 4-10)

☞ **Online Quiz #4** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 4*) – Monday Oct. 4

Mon. Oct. 4: LECTURE: Early Empires in Asia - China

Wed. Oct. 6: SEMINAR: Consolidating Empires, Imposing Legitimacy

📖 Textbook Chapter 4: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 203.

ON D2L: 📖 “First Empires and Common Cultures in Afro-Eurasia, 1250-325 BCE,” in: Elizabeth Pollard and Clifford Rosenberg, *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A Companion Reader, Vol. 1* (2nd Ed., New York and London: W.W. Norton, 2016), 107-132.

☞ **Paper due on Wednesday Oct. 6 at Midnight (Reading Response #1, Option 3).**

Week 6 (Oct. 11-17)

Mon. Oct. 11: Thanksgiving Monday – no classes

Wed. Oct. 13: ☞ **Online Quiz #5** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 5*) – Wednesday Oct. 13 (*by noon, as always*)

- ☞ **Midterm Exam questions will be posted on D2L at noon on Wednesday Oct. 13 –the seminar time slots this week and the next may be used as exam time (no in-class attendance required).**

Week 7 (Oct. 18-24)

☞ **Midterm Exam due for online submission, noon Oct. 18**

Mon. Oct. 18: LECTURE: Shrinking the Afro-Eurasian World - Persia

Wed. Oct. 20: LECTURE: The Persian Wars with Greece

Week 8 (Oct. 25-31)

☞ **Online Quiz #6** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 6*) – Monday Oct. 25

Mon. Oct. 25: LECTURE: Conquests and Widening Trade – Greece and Rome

Wed. Oct. 27: SEMINAR: Trade, Conquest, and the Spread of Ideas

📖 Textbook Chapter 6: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 304.

ON D2L: 📖 Julius Caesar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book 1, Chapter 1-30;

<http://classics.mit.edu/Caesar/gallic.1.1.html>

Week 9 (Nov. 1-7)

☞ **Online Quiz #7** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 7*) – Monday Nov. 1

Mon. Nov. 1: LECTURE: Building Empires: Imperial Rome and Han China

Wed. Nov. 3: SEMINAR: Maintaining Order in the Roman and Chinese Empires

📖 Textbook Chapter 7: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 335.

ON D2L: 📖 “Han and Rome: Asserting Imperial Authority,” in: Merry E. Wiesner, et al., *Discovering the Global Past: A Look at the Evidence. Vol. 1: To 1650.* (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2007), 80-112.

☞ **Paper due on Wednesday Nov. 3 at Midnight (Reading Response #2, Option 1).**

Week 10 (Nov. 8-14)

☞ **Online Quiz #8** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 8*) – Monday Nov. 8

Mon. Nov. 8: LECTURE: The Rise of Universal Religions – Buddhism and Christianity

Wed. Nov. 10: SEMINAR: The Spread of Universal Religions

📖 Textbook Chapter 8: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 409.

Week 11 (Nov. 15-21)

☞ **Online Quiz #9** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 9*) – Monday Nov. 15

Mon. Nov. 15: LECTURE: Religious and Commercial Contacts in Afro-Eurasia – Spread of Islam

Wed. Nov. 17: Seminar: Women’s Roles in Society.

📖 Textbook Chapter 9: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 464.

On D2L: 📖 “Patriarchy and Women’s Voices,” in: Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson, *Thinking through Sources, Vol. 1*, (3rd Ed., Boston and New York: Bedford / St. Martin’s, 2016), 60-71.

☞ **Paper due on Wednesday Nov. 17 at Midnight (Reading Response #2, Option 2).**

Week 12 (Nov. 22-28)

☞ **Online Quiz #10** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 10*) – Monday Nov. 22

Mon. Nov. 22: LECTURE: The Shrinking of the Afro-Eurasian World.

Wed. Nov. 24: SEMINAR: The Shrinking of the Afro-Eurasian World.

📖 Textbook Chapter 10: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 520.

ON D2L: 📖 Marco Polo's travels at: <https://archive.org/details/bookofsermarcopo01polo>

Please read pages 295-338 of the book.

Week 13 (Nov. 29-Dec. 5)

☞ **Online Quiz #11** (📖 *Textbook Ch. 11*) – Monday Nov. 29

Mon. Nov. 29: LECTURE: Social and Cultural Responses to the Black Death.

Wed. Dec. 1: SEMINAR: Responses to the Black Death.

📖 Textbook Chapter 11: *Global Themes and Sources*, starting on p. 571.

ON D2L: 📖 Trevor Dean, "Plague and crime: Bologna, 1348–1351," *Continuity and Change*, vol. 30, no. 3, (2015); 367-393.

☞ **Paper due on Wednesday Dec. 1 at Midnight (Reading Response #2, Option 3).**

Week 14 (Dec. 6-12)

Mon. Dec. 6 LECTURE: Societies and Cultures in the Americas.

Wed. Dec. 8 SEMINAR: Exam Review

Final Exam questions will be posted on D2L at noon on Dec. 8.

Dec. 13-11, 2021: FINAL EXAM PERIOD –

☞ **Final Exam is due online at Midnight on Dec. 15, 2021.**

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines scan be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
☞ Online Quizzes	10%
☞ Discussion Groups	20%
☞ Midterm Exam	20%
☞ Two Reading Analyses (750-1,000 words each)	2x15%
☞ Final Exam	20%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

☞ **Course Requirements:**

As preparations for each week, you are expected to read the relevant chapter(s) in the textbook, Pollard, Rosenberg, Tignor, et al., *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A History of the World from the Beginnings of Humankind to the Present. With Sources, Vol. 1* (Concise 3rd Ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 2021) and complete the corresponding online quizzes. During the term, you will be required to attend the scheduled discussion sessions and provide a one to two-page commentary for each of these seminars. You must also submit a total of two more detailed reading analyses (out of six options). In addition, there will be an online midterm exam in October and the online final exam scheduled at the beginning of the exam period in December (see details below).

1) **Discussion Groups (20% of final grade):**

Since discussion groups only work when students are well-acquainted with the assigned readings, one requirement of the seminars will be to provide a short (minimum one printed page) commentary containing the following points:

- ***Briefly summarize the primary sources and the one academic journal article (what do they tell us about the topic?)***
- ***Identify the main arguments and themes of the readings***
- ***Write a short paragraph in which you outline the most important question(s) that the readings raised for you.***

This will help you to focus your thoughts for the discussions and will train you to identify the main arguments of the texts you read. These short commentaries will not be graded individually but will assist in determining the quality of your participation (of course, only in addition to your oral contributions during the discussions – see below).

The discussion groups count for 20% of the final grade in the course. You will receive 30% of the discussion grade by being physically present, 30% will be based on the discussion paper (full marks for all papers that fully cover the above points), and 40% will be based on the quality and frequency of your oral participation (with an emphasis on contributions that demonstrate critical engagement with the material).

To ensure discussions are effective, students must read and think about the assigned material in advance of coming to class and bring the short paper – see instructions above. In class, students will not only discuss the content of the material but more importantly will discuss their interpretations of the assigned material, the authors' thesis and main points, and, where applicable, the sources and evidence the authors used to make their arguments – see the questions associated with the readings either at the end of the assigned sections, or on D2L.

2) **InQuizitive online quizzes (10% of final grade):**

Please use the textbook's digital landing page at <https://digital.wwnorton.com/worldscon3v1> to self-register for the online portion of the course. Our **Student Set ID is: 490298**. For the specific steps of registration, please see the further details on D2L. More information for the deadlines for quizzes can be found in the schedule below and on D2L. The online quizzes will remain open until

Midnight (11:59 pm) on the day posted in the course outline (always Mondays, except for Thanksgiving Monday, when it moves to Wednesday) and will automatically close at that point – avoid leaving the quizzes to the last minute as you may get cut off. You need to complete 10 out of the 11 quizzes for full marks.

3) **Document Analysis (30% - 2x15%)**:

You will be writing two document analyses (750-1000 words each). You will have the choice to write on one of the three assigned sets of readings before the midterm and one after the midterm exam. The deadline for the readings analysis is the week when those documents are assigned (see course schedule below and D2L for details). In each of the two analyses, you will be asked to:

- Identify the main themes - what exactly ties the documents together?
- Briefly summarize the content (i.e. what does it tell you about the topic)
- In the next section, please identify what types of sources the author used and discuss how convincingly the article was supported with specific evidence.
- Each of these topics will have a short introduction and guiding questions on D2L (see the weekly entries for more details). Please answer these questions in your response, supported by specific evidence from the reading.
- All information taken from the documents need to be properly footnoted with the exact page number for the source of the details – see History Department Style Guide on D2L.

Guiding questions will be posted on D2L in the weekly schedule (unless they are already provided at the end of the readings), so please make sure to look for those. This will help you to focus your thoughts for the reading of sources and will train you to identify the main arguments and factual evidence presented in the texts. For an excellent grade, the document analysis should be clear and well-written, show a strong understanding of the content of the reading, include your own thoughts and analysis, support your response with specific evidence from the documents, and cite that evidence with footnotes. **As academic papers, these assignments will require proper Chicago Style (Turabian) footnoting – please see the History Department Style Guide on D2L for more details.**

Please be aware that students are expected to read all assigned readings, even though you are only required to respond to two of them with these document analyses. All the assigned readings are fair game for the exams.

4) **Midterm Exam (20%)**:

In lieu of the regular midterm exam we will have two 500-word essay responses that will include questions on material from lectures and the textbook covered to that point in the course and potentially also the discussion readings. The aim will be to combine your textbook and discussion readings and the material from the Powerpoint lecture to demonstrate contextual understanding of developments relevant to the course. The two essay exam questions will be posted on D2L five days before the due date and will be submitted online through the **D2L submission box at noon on Monday October 18, 2021 – please combine the two responses into a single Word or PDF document.**

5) **Final Exam (20%):**

Similar to the Midterm exam, in the final exam, you will be asked to identify the contexts of the major themes covered in the lectures, textbook and discussion readings, and to discuss these with reference to significant names, dates and locations in this take-home exam. As with the Midterm, context and questions will be posted on D2L – in this case, a week prior to the due date.

The Final Exam is due in the D2L submission box at Midnight, Wednesday December 15, 2021.

Due dates: Assignments must be submitted to the online submission box on D2L at the time and date listed in the schedule above and on D2L.

Marks will be deducted at the rate of 5% per day for late assignments. If your assignment is late because of illness or family affliction, please make sure to inform the instructor by e-mail as soon as possible – ideally before the deadline. The Midterm and Final Exam submission boxes on D2L will close at noon on the due dates, so make sure to upload it before those times. **No assignments will be accepted after the final class in December without prior permission from the instructor.**

Note: If you find you are unable to write a test or complete an assignment, please come and see me prior to the due dates or e-mail me. It is your responsibility to inform me of any difficulties completing course components.

A Note on Plagiarism: Plagiarism will result in a failing grade on the assignment and may result in a failing grade for the course and/or further disciplinary action by the College. Please see the Student Conduct Policy.

What is plagiarism?

1. The use of another person's words (sentences/phrases/paragraphs) without including quotation marks and footnotes. This applies to any written work published in book, text, or magazine form, or anything located on the Internet. In other words, it is plagiarism if someone copies and pastes work from the Internet and presents that work as his/her own.
2. Paraphrasing any author's words or ideas without using a footnote to cite the source.
3. Copying another student's work, either on assignments or exams.

More information can be found in the Arts and Science Academic Honesty Guidelines, posted in the Course Overview on D2L.

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2

50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the "Attendance" section under "Registration Policies and Procedures"

(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.