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Soochow University

HIS 106 World History I

Summer 2024

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 55 hours

Instructor: TBA

Email: TBA

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides a comprehensive study of major historical events, civilizations, and developments that have shaped the world from prehistoric times to the 16th century. Through a chronological and thematic approach, students will explore the political, social, economic, and cultural transformations that occurred across different regions and societies. The course aims to develop critical thinking skills, historical analysis, and a global perspective.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Possess a deep understanding of significant historical periods, including ancient civilizations (such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome), the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance
2. Develop a global perspective by examining the interactions and exchanges between different regions and civilizations throughout history
3. Develop critical thinking skills necessary for analyzing historical sources, interpreting primary and secondary texts, and evaluating historical arguments
4. Understand the significance of major historical events, movements, and individuals in shaping the world
5. Appreciate the diversity of human cultures and societies across time

PREREQUISITES

N/A

GRADING



Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:

ITEM	POINTS
Quizzes	20 Points
Document Analysis	20 Points
Essay	20 Points
Final Exam	40 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$.

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Stearns, Peter, et al, *World Civilizations*. 7th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc., 2015.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	Topics: Topic 1: Introduction to World History Topic 2: Human Origins and Early Settlements Topic 3: Ancient Israel Topic 4: Greek Civilization Assessments: Quiz#1



Module 2	Topics: Topic 5: The Legacy of Greek Politics Topic 6: India's Classical Age Topic 7: China's Classical Age Topic 8: The Hellenistic Age Assessments: Quiz#2
Module 3	Topics: Topic 9: The Islamic World Topic 10: The Roman Republic: Society and Politics Topic 11: Imperial Rome: Institutions, Culture, and Legacies Topic 12: The Decline and Fall of Rome Assessments: Document Analysis
Module 4	Topics: Topic 13: Africa and America Topic 14: The Spread of Christianity Topic 15: The Byzantine Empire Topic 16: Feudalism and Manorialism in Europe Assessments: Essay
Module 5	Topics: Topic 17: Development of European Nation States and Politics Topic 18: The Middle Empire in China Topic 19: Japan's Classical Age Topic 20: The Early Modern Era Assessments: Final Exam

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately



prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that



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students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.