

## **History 265: The World to 1500 3HRS**

MWF 12 Noon, ABIV 307

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Hours: MWF 10-11am or by appointment

### **Class Description:**

A survey of world history from the dawn of civilization in Mesopotamia, China, India, Egypt, and Mesoamerica through the Middle Ages in Europe and Asia. The Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation, as well as the rise of nation states and the commercial economy are stressed as background to modern history. Recommended as a basic history course for all liberal arts majors.

### **Class Objectives**

- A) to obtain a working familiarity with the major civilization zones of the ancient world;
- B) to review the interaction of the different culture zones up to 1500;
- C) to understand the durability of rapid tradition and culture through 1500;

### **Required Texts**

Your textbook [Craig, et. al. \*Heritage of World Civilizations\*, vol. 1, 3rd edition.](#)

**Grading:** Three times during the semester you will take a written exam. There will NOT be a comprehensive final. The last test of the semester will cover chapters only since the previous midterm. Each day there MAY BE quizzes based on the textbook and/or in-class readings. I will drop your lowest quiz grade BUT NOT test grades. I will give credit for class participation, which I will explain in class. The formula for the grade will be as follows:

Quiz Avg. (50%) + Test Avg. (50%) - Class Participation/Attendance = Grade

Your final grade will be A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60-69; F= 59 or below

**Make-up Policy:** The daily quizzes are never made up. That's part of the reason you have drops for them. The in-class reaction papers are sporadically scheduled, like pop-quizzes and are also never made up. You may make up a missed mid-term examination with a documented, university approved excuse. When in doubt about your grades or work, always ask me.

**Attendance:** You may miss THREE (3) full classes without any penalty. For four or six absences, I will deduct 1 point from your final grade for each day. For seven to nine absences, I will deduct 2 points from your final grade. If you miss ten or more classes you cannot pass, regardless of your scores on your other work

**SHSU University Policies:**

**Academic Honesty:**

*All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.*

**Americans with Disabilities Act :**

*It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.*

*SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If a student has a disability that may affect adversely his/her work in this class, then the student is encouraged to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with the instructor about how best to deal with the situation. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: no accommodation can be made until the student registers with the Counseling Center.*

**Religious Holidays**

*Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.*

*"Religious holy day" means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20, Tax Code.*

**Visitors in the Classroom**

*Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted into the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the*

*visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.*