



**DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES,
BUSINESS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

HIST 2321 – WORLD HISTORY TO 1492

Catalog Course Description

The history of human societies from the earliest evidences of ancient peoples until the voyages of Columbus from Europe to America. Consideration is given to all major cultural regions (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, South Asia/India, East Asia, Africa and Latin America). Emphasis is placed upon comparative aspects of history, and upon interactions among the major cultural regions.

Enrollment Requirements: Completion of ENGL 0305 and ENGL 0307 with a 'C' or better or ENGL 1301 with a 'D' or better. **Class Attributes:** Class contains significant International component.

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HIST HIST 2321-3001 (1459)

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Principal Textbook

- *World History: Before 1600. Volume I 5th Edition.* Upshur et al. Cengage Advantage Books: ISBN-10: 1-111-34516-3, ISBN-13: 978-1-111-34516-7

Collateral Readings

- *Bhagavad Gita.* Penguin Group (USA). ISBN: 0140449183
- *The Analects.* Confucius. Dover Publications. ISBN: 0486284840
- *Confessions.* Augustine of Hippo. Penguin Group (USA). ISBN: 014044114X
- *Muhammad: His Life Based on the Earliest Sources.* Lings. Inner Traditions. ISBN-13: 9781594771538 ISBN: 1594771537

Please note that this course makes extensive use of the companion website in the Angel online learning system. The companion website is an essential element of the course; it is NOT optional -- login as soon as possible once the course starts. The Angel login page is located at <https://myonline.lonestar.edu/default.asp>

PROSPECTIVE CLASS CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY
Tue, Aug 30	Discussion of Syllabus
Thu, Sep 1	Egyptian World
Tue, Sep 6	Sumerian World
Thu, Sep 8	Fertile Crescent
Tue, Sep 13	Vedic World
Thu, Sep 15	Xia World
Tue, Sep 20	Mediterranean World
Thu, Sep 22	MAP TEST [see syllabus attachment]
Tue, Sep 27	Demokratia & Respublica
Thu, Sep 29	Persian & Macedonian Empires

Tue, Oct 4	UNIT TEST 1: Lectures & Upshur, chapters 1-3
Thu, Oct 6	Buddhism & Maurya Empire
Tue, Oct 11	Confucianism & Han Empire
Thu, Oct 13	Eastern Expansion of Buddhism
Tue, Oct 18	Kushan & Gupta Empires
Thu, Oct 20	Parthian & Sassanian Empires
Tue, Oct 25	Roman Empire & Christianity ESSAY REVIEW DUE [<i>Bhagavad Gita. & The Analects</i>]
Thu, Oct 27	Islam: Faith and Empire
Tue, Nov 1	Renovation of Empire
Thu, Nov 3	UNIT TEST 2: Lectures & Upshur, chapters 4-6
Tue, Nov 8	Kannauj & Ghazni Empires
Thu, Nov 10	Tang & Song Empires
	<i>Fri, Nov 11 -- W-DAY: last day to drop classes</i>
Tue, Nov 15	Yuan & Ming Empires
Thu, Nov 17	Mongols and Muslims
Tue, Nov 22	Eastern Expansion of Islam
Thu, Nov 24	THANKSGIVING
Tue, Nov 29	Expansion of Western Christendom
Thu, Dec 1	Seaways: South and East
Tue, Dec 6	Tropical Africa ESSAY REVIEW DUE [<i>Confessions & Muhammad</i>]
Thu, Dec 8	The Americas
Tue, Dec 13	UNIT TEST 3: Lectures & Upshu4, chapters 7-9
Thu, Dec 15	NO CLASS

GRADING POLICY

The course grade will be calculated by the average of the letter grades earned in the six graded elements of the course **boldfaced** in the schedule above, each element counting equally.

A penalty will be subtracted from this average, if applicable, based upon your record of

absences and lateness [see policy below]. The average is calculated by the GPA method [A+ = 5, A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0], and rounded to the closest whole grade. **There is no extra credit.**

Students are expected to sit for examinations with their class. If you miss an in-class exam, you **MUST** take the following steps:

- Contact the instructor within 24 hours of the scheduled examination time in person, by phone, by e-mail, by voice mail, via a letter or by some other form of message.
- On the first day that you return to class after the scheduled examination time, request permission in writing to make up the examination. A full explanation and documentation of your absence must accompany all requests. Note that vacation or other discretionary travel is not an acceptable excuse for missing any test.
- The instructor reserves the right to either have the student write a make-up test at the Assessment Center in lieu of the missed test, or complete an individualized written assignment instead. In the later case, the individualized written assignment will be due on the last day before finals week.

Students are required to post their **Review Essays** to **turnitin.com**, and are also expected to hand in a hard copy of their Review Essays on the designated day at the start of class. Essays turned in late are penalized one letter grade for each calendar day [not class day] late. Essays turned in on the due date after the start of class are one day late. **The time when the Review Essay is logged on the turnitin.com site is the definitive measure of timeliness.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance is expected. A seating chart will be kept, and attendance will be noted at the start of class by visual inspection. The instructor will work out a seating chart based upon your answers to the student survey.

If you are late, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor at the end of the class sessions. Otherwise, you may be recorded as absent.

If you are absent, the cause of the absence is not normally relevant. You are permitted four days absence from class without penalty. **Each absence in excess of four will reduce your course grade by one letter grade.**

Exceptions to the attendance policy will be allowed in cases of severe medical problems or emergencies of comparable gravity if verifiable documentation is supplied in a timely fashion, but such exceptions are at the discretion of the instructor.

The instructor in this course does not drop students for excessive absence; if you do not come to class, you will receive a grade of "F" unless you drop the course prior to the last day that withdrawals are permitted.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will learn to

- identify key events, people, institutions, and trends in the history of the major world cultures prior to 1492.
- describe the critical interactions among the major world cultures prior to 1492.
- compare and contrast the development of each major world cultures prior to 1492 with the development of the others.
- explain the role of economic, political and cultural factors in the development of human society.
- assess the impact of historical development on contemporary issues.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Lone Star College System is committed to a high standard of academic integrity in the academic community. In becoming a part of the academic community, students are responsible for honesty and independent effort. Failure to uphold these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- plagiarizing written work or projects, cheating on exams or assignments, collusion on an exam or project, and misrepresentation of credentials or prerequisites when registering for a course.
- Cheating includes:
 - looking at or copying from another student's exam,
 - orally communicating or receiving answers during an exam,
 - having another person take an exam or complete a project or assignment,
 - using unauthorized notes, texts, or other materials for an exam,
 - obtaining or distributing an unauthorized copy of an exam or any part of an exam.

Plagiarism means passing off as his/her own the ideas or writings of another (that is, without giving proper credit by documenting sources). Plagiarism includes submitting a paper, report or project that someone else has prepared, in whole or in part. Collusion means inappropriate collaboration on assignments intended for independent competition. These definitions are not exhaustive. When there is clear evidence of cheating, plagiarism, collusion or misrepresentation, a faculty member will take disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions may include, but need not be limited to the following:

- requiring the student to retake or resubmit an exam or assignment
- assigning a grade of zero or "F" for an exam or assignment
- assigning a grade of "F" for the course.

Additional sanctions including being withdrawn from the course, program or expelled from school may be imposed on a student who violates standards of academic integrity.

SOFTWARE PIRACY

Law strictly prohibits unauthorized copying of software purchased by Lone Star College – Tomball for use in laboratories. Lone Star College – Tomball administration will take appropriate disciplinary action against anyone violating copyright laws.

COMPUTER VIRUS PROTECTION

Computer viruses are, unfortunately, a fact of life. Using the diskettes on more than one computer creates the possibility of infecting computers and diskettes with a computer virus. This exposes the computers of the college, your personal computer, and any others you may be using to potentially damaging viruses. The college has aggressive anti-virus procedures in place to protect its computers, but cannot guarantee that a virus might not temporarily infect one of its machines. It is your responsibility to protect all computers under your control and use and ensure that each diskette you use, whenever or wherever you use it, has been scanned with anti-virus software. Since new viruses arise continually, your anti-virus software must be kept current. And, since no anti-virus software will find every virus, keeping copies of data (backups) is extremely important.

GUARANTEED GRADUATE POLICY

The Lone Star College System guarantees that graduates of its Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science and all Certificate programs, providing under certain circumstances, additional education and training tuition free to students lacking appropriate mastery of specified competencies. For additional information, refer to the Lone Star College System college catalog.

ADA STATEMENT



The Lone Star College System colleges are dedicated to providing the least restrictive learning environment for all students. The college district promotes equity in academic access through the implementation of reasonable accommodations, which will enable students with disabilities to participate in and benefit from all post-secondary educational activities. The Lone Star College System complies with the requirements of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title V, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). If you require reasonable accommodations because of a physical, mental, or learning disability, please notify the instructor of this course as soon as possible and preferably before the end of the first two weeks of class to arrange for reasonable accommodations.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Lone Star College System to provide equal employment, admission and educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability. The Lone Star College System strives to provide an excellent learning environment free from harassment or intimidation directed at any person's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Any form of harassment will not be tolerated.

HIST 2321 MAP TEST

The following material will be tested in class on September 22. Be able to locate these river systems of the world on blank outline maps of the relevant regions according to the location of the **mouth** of each system by matching them to numbers printed on maps.

The base maps which will be utilized in the creation of this map test will be taken from

<http://d-maps.com/?lang=en>

NO WORD BANK WILL BE SUPPLIED

PACIFIC OCEAN BASIN [13]

- Heilong [Amur]
- Yalu
- Liao
- Hai
- Huang [Yellow]
- Huai
- Chang [Yangtze]
- Qiantang
- Min
- Zhu [Pearl]
- Hong [Red]
- Mekong
- Chao Phraya

INDIAN OCEAN BASIN [12]

- Salween
- Irrawaddy [Ayeyarwady]
- Brahmaputra [Zangbo]
- Ganges
- Mahanadi
- Godavari
- Krishna
- Cauvery [Kaveri]
- Narmada
- Sindh [Indus]
- Dijlah [Tigris]
- Furat [Euphrates]

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN [7]

- Nile
- Don
- Dneiper
- Danube
- Po
- Rhone
- Ebro

NORTH ATLANTIC BASIN [11]

- Tejo
- Loire
- Seine
- Meuse
- Rhine
- Elbe
- Oder
- Vistula
- Neumanas
- Daugava
- Neva

INTERIOR DRAINAGE [7]

- Volga
- Ural
- Amu Darya
- Syr Darya
- Tarim
- Helmand
- Harirud