

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Social Sciences

College of Arts & Sciences

**HI 101-01 World History to 1500** 3 Credit Hours; CRN 10093

Fall 2018

TR 8:00-9:15

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W 7:30-11:30

And by appointment

**COURSE DESCRIPTION and expected STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Political, cultural, social and economic development of human societies from the prehistoric period to 1500, emphasizing commonalities as well as diversity. Major topics include origins of agriculture and consequent development of eastern and western hemisphere civilizations; ancient empires; rise of Islam; Christian European political development and the Renaissance; Mongol expansion and decline; tropical African state systems, external trade and local society organization. In addition, students will be able to:

- Ability to read and critically analyze documents including primary sources
- Ability to write clearly and effectively, construct a clear thesis, and defend your assertions with historical evidence
- Ability to correctly identify and locate historically important sights on the map.

**TEXT and technology applications**

Von Sivers, Desnoyers, and Stow: *Patterns of World History, Brief Third Edition, Volume One*. Oxford University Press, 2018. ISBN # 978-0-19-069731-0.

**Technology Applications**

**Turnitin:** Papers must be submitted via the course's turnitin account. You will need to create an account at turnitin.com. This is free and easy; if you have problems, please contact the instructor. You will need the course number and password. The course # is **18686294**; the password is **history**.

**Note that any assignment with a turnitin originality score over 20% will receive a 0 grade and might result in other action.**

**E-Reserves:** Course materials – syllabus, readings, etc. will be posted on the course's MVSU E-Reserves page, which can be accessed through the MVSU Library website. More details are on the first-day handout.

**YouTube:** You will be asked to watch a number of videos. They can be found by searching for the title on Youtube.

**Attendance:** While coming to class is no guarantee that a student will do well, evidence strongly suggests that students who attend regularly do better than those who do not. Therefore, every second unexcused absence after the second will result in the lowering of the final course grade by one letter grade; i.e. 4 unexcused absences = 1 letter grade deduction, 6 unexcused absences = 2 letter grade deduction, etc. Excused absences, whether school related or personal, will require documentation.

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class; students more than 10 minutes tardy will be counted absent though they are, of course, encouraged to attend.

**Classroom Behavior and Expectations:** Students are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. This includes showing respect for themselves, their classmates, and the instructor. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. This includes: eating, texting, wearing headphones, disrespectful behavior toward any class member, taking phone calls, leaving the classroom without permission, talking, sleeping, or leaving class early.

The main expectation is that you come to class prepared and actively engage in your own education. This means doing the reading before class, turning in assignments on time, and asking questions when things are unclear.

**Email:** I check my email daily during the work week, and will always reply. If you do not receive a reply within a day, chances are I did not receive your email. Emails should include your name and course information and be written in an appropriate tone; emails using “text-ese” or other inappropriate language and grammar will not be answered, nor will I reply to emails when it is not clear who I am talking to. Due to university policy, I will not discuss grades via e-mail.

**Reading:** History is a study of the written word. Moreover, it is impossible to cover all the required material in the lectures. Therefore, it is imperative that you come to class prepared. That means reading the assigned material **before** class.

**Technology:** Cell phones and laptop computers can be useful tools. However, in the classroom they too often distract from rather than contribute to learning. Students found phoning, texting, chatting, social networking or playing games during class will be asked to leave class for the day. Further incidents may result in further penalties. If you are expecting an emergency message, please notify the instructor before class and handle the message discreetly. Lectures may not be taped or filmed without the permission of the instructor.

**Late work:** Late work or missed assignments may be completed only if the student has an official written excuse. All late work needs to be completed within one week of the student’s return to class.

**Quizzes:** We will have 4 quizzes over the course of the term on the dates listed on the calendar.

**Papers:** 3 papers will be assigned. Students are required to write two; if you write all three the third will count as extra-credit. They are due on the dates indicated on the calendar. They must be submitted via turnitin.com. Details for the assignments will be posted on Electronic Reserves at least one week before they are due.

No late papers will be accepted.

**Exams:** We will have 2 exams: a midterm and a final. The date for the midterm is posted on the calendar below; the date for the final will be announced when we get the finals schedule. The midterm exam will cover chapters 1-7; the final exam will cover chapters 8-14. The exams will consist of a number of essay questions.

Note – Once one student turns in an exam I will not pass out the exam to students who come late. Punctuality is important.

**Map Quizzes:** We will have two map quizzes in class during the term on the dates indicated below. Students will be given a blank US map and a list of geographic locations to correctly place on the map. A blank map and a list of the locations are posted on Electronic Reserves

**Course Grade:** Your grade for the course will be computed by the following formula:

Quizzes (4x100 points each):	400
Syllabus and Dishonesty Submission to turnitin.com	100
Papers (3x250 points each)	500
Map Quizzes (2x250 points each)	500
Mid-Term Exam:	500
Final:	500
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Final Grade	2500

**Academic Dishonesty:** Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students are expected to make themselves aware of MVSU's academic dishonesty guidelines, which can be found in the student handbook.

Students are required to submit the course syllabus and the University's Statement on Academic Dishonesty to turnitin.com. Doing so acknowledges that you are familiar with both documents. Failure to submit these documents will result in a failing grade in the course.

### **Students with Disabilities (SSD) Statement**

Mississippi Valley State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with a documented disability. If you feel you are eligible to receive accommodations for a covered disability (medical, physical, psychiatric, learning, vision, hearing, etc.) and would like to request it for this course, you must be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) program administered by University College. It is recommended that you visit the Disabilities Office located inside the EMAP Computer Lab in the Technical Education (IT) Building to register for the program at the beginning of each semester.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mr. Billy Benson, Jr. via phone or email at 662-254-3005 or [billy.benson@mvsu.edu](mailto:billy.benson@mvsu.edu).

### **MVSU Statement on Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity includes a commitment to the values of honesty, trustworthiness, fairness, respect and responsibility. Academic integrity is violated by any dishonest act that is committed in an academic context. Honesty and integrity are essential values of the Mississippi Valley State University's mission to pursue truth and knowledge. Therefore, Mississippi Valley State University will not tolerate academic dishonesty in any form and will impose sanctions if clearly demonstrated. Academic dishonesty erodes the quality and value of degree conferred.

Although the faculty is responsible for establishing standards for moral and academic excellence in teaching and learning, these standards can be reached only with the cooperation and support of students. Students are expected, therefore, to accept responsibility for maintaining honesty and integrity in all acts inside and outside the classroom, studio or laboratory.

For a detailed description of sanctions and appeal procedures consult Student Handbook and/or Undergraduate Catalog.

***NOTE: This document does not constitute a contract with the University. It contains guidelines. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as necessary in the syllabus.***

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Assignments</b>
1	8/21, 23	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 1 Watch Crash World History Course #1: The Agricultural Revolution Syllabus and Academic Dishonest Policy due via turnitin.com
2	8/28/ 30	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 2 Watch Crash Course World History #3: Mesopotamia
3	9/4, 6	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 3 Watch Crash Course World History #2: Indus Valley Civilization Quiz #1 on Thursday, 9/6
4	9/11, 13	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 4 Watch Crash Course World History #7: 2000 Years of Chinese History and #6: Buddha and Ashoka Paper #1 due via turnitin by Midnight on Saturday, 9/15
5	9/18, 20	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 5 Watch Crash Course World History # Map Quiz #1 in class on Thursday, 9/20
6	9/25, 27	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 6 Watch Crash Course World History # Quiz #2 in class on Thursday, 9/27
7	10/2, 4	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 7 Watch Crash Course World History #5: Persians and Greeks, #8 Alexander the Great and #10: The Roman Empire Take Midterm Exam in class on Thursday, 10/4
8	10/9, 11	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 8 Watch Crash Course World History #11: Christianity
9	10/16, 18	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 9 Watch Crash Course World History #9 The Silk Road Paper #2 due via turnitin by Midnight on Saturday, 10/20
10	10/23, 25	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 10 Watch Crash Course World History #12: Fall of the Roman Empire and #13: Islam Quiz #3 on Thursday, 10/25
11	10/30, 11/1	Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 11 Watch Crash Course World History #14: The Dark Ages and #15: The Crusades Map Quiz #2 on Thursday, 11/1

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| 12 | 11/6, 8   | Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 12<br>Watch Crash Course World History #<br>Quiz #4 on Thursday, 11/8  |
| 13 | 11/13, 15 | Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 13<br>Watch Crash Course World History #<br>Paper #3 due via turnitin by Midnight on Saturday, 11/17   |
| 14 | 11/20, 22 | <b>No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday</b>  |
| 15 | 11/27, 29 | Read <i>PATTERNS</i> Chapter 14<br>Watch Crash Course World History #16: Mansa Musa and<br>#18: Int'l Commerce<br>Paper #3 due via turnitin by Midnight on Saturday, 4/14 |
| 16 | 4/22-4/28 | Final Exam will be given at the time listed on the MVSU finals schedule.  |