

# WORLD HISTORY TO 1500:

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HIST 2301 / CRN: 16949

Class Time: T & R 3:00–4:20 pm

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## Course Description:

This course focuses on the early historical developments and cultural traditions from all parts of the world from human origins to 1500 CE. Lectures, readings, assignments, and discussions are designed to offer insights into the cultural, economic, political, religious, and social aspects of human experiences; special attention will be given to cross-cultural interactions and exchanges.

## Course Objectives:

Students will emerge from this course with a greater appreciation and understanding of the world's culture traditions and the process in which these traditions have changed and interacted over time. Students will have the necessary background for more specialized and advanced history courses on various areas and periods in the world. Students will gain an enhanced ability to analyze and evaluate primary and secondary materials, in order to view history not as a single and fixed narrative but as diverse and shifting narratives based on different perspectives and sources.

## Required Texts:

- Bentley, *Traditions & Encounters: a Brief Global History*, Vol. 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (978-0077412050) (\$60 to rent). Older edition is fine, however the page number listed in the “Lecture and Reading Schedule” will be slightly different.
- Fan ed., *Primary Source Reader*, for purchase at **University Print Shop** [at the Carl Hertzog Building, to the right of the library; (915) 747-5135] (\$15).

## Assignments:

Response Papers are based on “Questions for Response Paper” in the *Primary Source Reader*, and there are a total of **EIGHT** response papers (here after just RPs). Each RP should be about one page in length and must

be in standard format (**Times New Roman, 12 point font, double space, & 1 inch margin**). All RPs will be graded as either pass or fail, meaning you will get 20 points or 0 point.

The main purposes of the RPs are 1) to ensure that you do the assigned readings, 2) to introduce primary sources, 3) to enhance your analytical skills, and 4) to promote in-class discussion.

**FOUR** of the RPs are the **Scheduled** RPs and must be turned in on assigned dates (see schedule on page 4–6), if you do not turn in a RP on each of these four particular days, you will receive 0 point for that paper. The other four are the **Unscheduled** RPs and may be turned in during any class date throughout the semester, provided that there are eligible readings from *Primary Source Reader* assigned for that particular class. There are NO extra credit assignments; however, you can submit an additional RP for any one that was turned in on time but received a 0. This **Replacement** RP is **NOT** a rewrite, but a new RP based on new readings.

Before you ask any questions, here is a bullet list of dos and don'ts:

- Each RP should be about one page in length and must be in standard format of Times New Roman, 12 point font, double space, & 1 inch margin.
- Each RP must be labeled properly (for example: RP1–8) and must include your full name and the date.
- Each RP must employ AT LEAST ONE QUOTE from the *primary source reader* followed by analysis.
- Electronic submissions and hand-written copies will **NOT** be accepted! You must turn in a computer-generated printed copy in person to get credit.
- **NO LATE RPs!** You must submit your RP to your AI/TA at the very beginning of the class. 15 minutes after the start of the class, your RP is considered LATE and will NOT be accepted!
- You can only submit **ONE** RP per class, so you do not want to wait until the end of the semester to do all of the Unscheduled RPs.
- The last day to turn in **Unscheduled** RP is **Nov. 29**, you can only turn in eligible Replacement RPs during the final two classes.

For example, on Sep. 4 (T), your first Scheduled RP (RP1) is due. According to your “Lecture and Reading Schedule,” there are two assigned readings from *Primary Source Reader*: 1. Epic of Gilgamesh & 2. The Law Code of Hammurabi, each with its own set of “Questions for Response Paper” on page 7 & 11 respectively. Your RP1 will be the answers to one set of these questions. If you do not turn in a RP that day, you will receive a 0 with no chance for replacement. However, if you do turn in a RP on Sep. 4, but your poor quality of work earned you a 0, you are eligible to turn in a Replacement RP on a future date based on new reading for that particular class. Your first chance to turn in an Unscheduled or a Replacement RP is on Sep. 11, based on *Primary Source Reader*: 3. Creation story from Ancient India. If you still have question about RPs, don't hesitate to ask.

On Blackboard Grade, Scheduled RPs will be listed as RP1 to RP4, and Unscheduled RPs will be listed as RP5 to RP8.

- If you turn in a RP on time and got a 20, then Great Job!
- If you failed to turn in a Scheduled RP, you will get a 0 and end of story.
- If you turn in a RP on time but got a 0 (due bad quality or wrong reading), you will see a 1 on the Blackboard Grade, and you can submit a Replacement RP to get 20.

Geography Quiz: this is an **easy** quiz. I will provide study maps and a list of places to make sure that you know where in the world we are studying.

Exams: There will be a total of three exams and they are not cumulative. Exam II only covers lectures and reading material after Exam I, and Exam III (or the Final) only covers material after Exam II. All three exams will consist of matching, identification, and essay questions.

Attendance: You are allowed three absences per semester; **no excuse needed!** However, each additional absence will lower your grade by 5 points, up to a total of 20 points. Students who will be absent while representing the University in officially recognized University activities (sports, band, professional conferences, etc.) must provide the letter of excuse for the professor. University excused absences will not count towards the three absences per semester.

General Responsibilities: It is your responsibility to attend each class and be on time, to pay attention and take notes during lectures, to read **ALL** of the assigned material **BEFORE** class, and to participate in discussions. If you miss an exam, you must provide documentation for your absence in order to be eligible for a makeup exam. There is no makeup for a quiz.

Blackboard: This is a technology enhanced course (TEC). You will be able to download lecture outlines for all lectures; study guides for the geography quiz and all three exams; and gain access to additional resources via Blackboard.

## Grading:

There will be **8** response papers, **1** geography quiz, **3** exams, and points awarded for attendance:

Response Papers	20 points each	160 points total
Geography Quiz	20 point	20 points total
Exams	100 points each	300 points total
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>20 points</u>	<u>20 points total</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500 points</b>

Final grade is determined by the overall accumulation of points, according to the following scale:

450–500 pts = **A**    400–449 pts = **B**    350–399 pts = **C**    300–349 pts = **D**    ≤ 299 pts = **F**

It is your responsibility to check regularly that your assignments and exams have been graded and recorded correctly via Blackboard. It is in your best interest to pick up all of your assignments as soon as they have been graded and to keep them until the end of the semester. You will lose the right to challenge any grade without undisputed evidence **one week** after the grade has been posted on Blackboard.

## Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is using information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording. Plagiarism is NOT acceptable. Do not submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. You may not submit work for this class that you did for another class. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action, per UTEP catalog policy. Refer to <http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm> for further information.

## For History Majors and Minors:

Borderlands history facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BorderlandsHistory/>

Career Advising, contact Dr. Leyva for more information

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), contact Dr. Stanfield or Dr. Veloz for more information

MA in History, contact Dr. Fan for more information

PhD in History, contact Dr. Shepherd for more information

## Accommodation and Support for student:

I will make any reasonable accommodation and support for students with special needs. Please see me personally before or after classes during the first two weeks to discuss any special needs you might have. You can also contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) in the East Union Building, Room 106 within the first two weeks of classes. The CASS can also be reached by phone: (915) 747-5148 voice or TTY or via email: [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu) or via its website: <http://sa.utep.edu/cass/>

## Lecture and Reading Schedule:

1. Aug. 28 (T):     **INTRODUCTION:**  
                           Read the syllabus...*Seriously* read it.
2. Aug. 30 (R):     **FROM PREHISTORY TO CIVILIZATION:**  
                           Bentley: 2–8.
3. Sep. 4 (T):     **MESOPOTAMIA—THE LAND BETWEEN THE RIVERS:**  
                           Bentley: 8–25; *Primary Source Reader*: 1. Epic of Gilgamesh & 2. The Law Code of Hammurabi.  
                           *Scheduled RPI Due!*
4. Sep. 6 (R):     **EGYPT—THE GIFT OF NILE:**  
                           Bentley: 26–43.  
                           *Geography Quiz!*
5. Sep. 11 (T):    **INDO-EUROPEANS IN INDUS VALLEY:**  
                           Bentley: 44–53; *Primary Source Reader*: 3. Creation story from Ancient India.  
                           [First chance to turn in an Unscheduled or Replacement RP]

6. Sep. 13 (R): **ANCIENT CHINA:**  
Bentley: 53–61; *Primary Source Reader*: 4. The Mandate of Heaven.
7. Sep. 18 (T): **PERSIA AND ZOROASTRIANISM:**  
Bentley: 80–97; *Primary Source Reader*: 5. Zoroastrianism.
8. Sep. 20 (R): **CHINESE-ISMS & UNIFICATION OF CHINA:**  
Bentley: 98–106; *Primary Source Reader*: 6. Confucianism, 7. Daoism, & 8. Legalism.  
**Scheduled RP2 Due!**
9. Sep. 25 (T): **EARLY AMERICAS AND OCEANIA & REVIEW:**  
Bentley: 62–79.
10. Sep. 27 (R): **EXAM I:**
11. Oct. 2 (T): **SPARTAN, ATHENIAN, AND ALEXANDER:**  
Bentley: 132–145; *Primary Source Reader*: 9. Hoplite Warfare in Ancient Greece & 10. Athenians and Democracy.
12. Oct. 4 (R): **SALVATION FROM INDIA:**  
Bentley: 116–131; *Primary Source Reader*: 11. Buddhism, 12. Classical Hinduism & 13. Ashoka the Great.
13. Oct. 9 (T): **THE RISE OF ROME & CHRISTIANITY:**  
Bentley: 145–155; *Primary Source Reader*: 14. Caesar Augustus & 15. Early Christianity & Paul of Tarsus.
14. Oct. 11 (R): **EXCHANGE ALONG THE SILK ROADS:**  
Bentley: 106–115 & 156–175; *Primary Source Reader*: 16. The Spread of Mahayana Buddhism in China.
15. Oct. 16 (T): **WOMEN IN PRE-MODERN HISTORY—EXTENDED DISCUSSION:**  
*Primary Source Reader*: 17. Women in the Ancient World—the Roman Republic, 18. Women in the Ancient World—Confucian China, 19. Women in the Ancient World—Empowerment through Religion, & 20. Women in the Ancient World—India.  
**Scheduled RP3 Due!**
16. Oct. 18 (R): **BYZANTIUM:**  
Bentley: 176–195; *Primary Source Reader*: 21. The Conversion of Vladimir I.
17. Oct. 23 (T): **EXPANSION OF ISLAM:**  
Bentley: 196–213; *Primary Source Reader*: 22. Islam.
18. Oct. 25 (R): **RESURGENCE IN CHINA:**  
Bentley: 214–228.
19. Oct. 30 (T): **EARLY JAPAN & REVIEW:**  
Bentley: 228–231; *Primary Source Reader*: 23. The Constitution of Prince Shōtoku in Early Japan.
20. Nov. 1 (R): **EXAM II:**

21. Nov. 6 (T): **INDIA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA:**  
Bentley: 232–249.
22. Nov. 8 (R): **FORMATION OF CHRISTIAN EUROPE:**  
Bentley: 286–301. *A special RP on Blackboard.*
23. Nov. 13 (T): **THE MONGOL EMPIRE:**  
Bentley: 250–269; *Primary Source Reader*: 24. The Mongol Empire.
24. Nov. 15 (R): **MONGOL:**  
A film by Sergei Bodrov, 120 min, 2007.
25. Nov. 20. (T): **MONGOL (CONTINUE):**
- ☺ Nov. 22 (R): **THANKSGIVING—NO CLASS:**
26. Nov. 27 (T): **THE CRUSADES:**  
Bentley: 301–305; *Primary Source Reader*: 25. The Crusades.  
**Scheduled RP4 Due!**
27. Nov. 29 (R): **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA:**  
Bentley: 270–285; *Primary Source Reader*: 26. The Empire of Ghana and Mali.  
[Last chance to turn in an Unscheduled RP]
28. Dec. 4 (T): **WORLD TRAVELERS:**  
Bentley: 324–245; *Primary Source Reader*: 27. Marco Polo—Travelling along the Silk Roads & 28. The Travels of Ibn Battuta.
29. Dec. 6 (R): **WORLD TRAVELERS & REVIEW:**  
*Primary Source Reader*: 29. Zheng He’s Voyages.
- ☹ Dec. 13 (R): **EXAM III: 4:00 – 6:00 PM @ UGLC 346**