



World History

HIS 120

Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

This course guides learners through the roughly 150,000 years of recorded human history, highlighting the eras and episodes that were most influential in shaping our current historical context. Learners will use both primary and secondary sources to trace the development of modern nations, cultures, and institutions, and explore the interactions of key world cultures through various lenses: religious, political, social, and economic. In the process, learners will construct an accurate and nuanced understanding of how history is constructed and the role it plays in shaping the present. Learners will also examine the relationship between ideas learned in the course and the events in their own lives and to use historical analysis skills to analyze historical events and apply what they learn to an examination of current problems.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Duiker, W., and Spielvogel, J. (2016). *Essential world history* (8th ed.). Boston: Cengage Learning.
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III. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each program of study that are in line with the institutional outcomes of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, leadership, communication, and career preparation. Course outcomes support program outcomes and are listed below.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Compare major ancient civilizations—their characteristics and their influence on the modern world.
2. Analyze the cultural origins of the modern world by studying fundamental civilizations of the first millennium of the Common Era (CE).
3. Analyze the effects of increasing contact between cultures in the period between 1000 and 1500 of the Common Era (CE).
4. Analyze the growth of modern empires and colonial imperialism.
5. Analyze the political and cultural legacy of the colonial era.
6. Analyze the increasing trend toward a global culture in the 20th and 21st centuries.
7. Apply historical methods such as primary source analysis and historical reasoning to inform discussions and make connections between historical events and contemporary issues.

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class.

IV. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussions	7	500	50
Short Answers	4	200	20
Essays	3	300	30
Total Points		1000	100

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	Unit 1 Lessons <i>Essential World History:</i> 1. Chapter 1 pages 9-26 2. Chapter 2 pages 44-48 3. Chapter 3 pages 70-78 4. Chapter 4 pages 95-103 Chapter 5 pages 121-133	Introductions 1.1 Discussion 1.2 Introduction Discussion 1.3 Short Answer
2	Unit 2 Lessons <i>Essential World History:</i> 1. Chapter 6 pages 145-152 2. Chapter 7 pages 169-171, 182-186 3. Chapter 8 pages 196-200, 214-215 Chapter 9 pages 221-226, 231-235	2.1 Discussion 2.2 Essay 2.3 Short Answer
3	Unit 3 Lessons <i>Essential World History:</i> 1. Chapter 10 pages 257-262, 268-269 2. Chapter 11 pages 277-279, 292-297 3. Chapter 12 pages 302-304, 319-324 4. Chapter 13 pages 329-331, 338-340, 345-348	3.1 Discussion 3.2 Essay
4	Unit 4 Lessons <i>Essential World History:</i> 1. Chapter 14 pages 355-357, 362-366 2. Chapter 15 pages 381-385, 398-402 3. Chapter 16 pages 406-413, 418-420 4. Chapter 17 pages 438-442, 444-447, 454	4.1 Discussion 4.2 Short Answer
5	Unit 5 Lessons <i>Essential World History:</i> 1. Chapter 18 pages 466-476, 480-481 2. Chapter 19 pages 489-492, 500-502, 504-410 3. Chapter 20 pages 522-525, 531-536 Chapter 21 pages 544-547, 553-560	5.1 Discussion 5.2 Essay
6	Unit 6 Lessons <i>Essential World History</i> 1. Chapter 22 pages 570-577, 580-582 2. Chapter 23 pages 596-604, 606-610 3. Chapter 24 pages 622-633, 635-639 4. Chapter 25 pages 650-656, 659-668, 671-672	6.1 Discussion 6.2 Short Answer

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

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