

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS

**WORLD CIVILIZATION I
HIST 1110**

Class Hours: 3.0

Credit Hours: 3.0

Laboratory Hours: 0.0

Date Revised: Spring 2014

Catalog Course Description:

A survey of world history from the emergence of human civilizations to the 1500s. The course focuses on finding the order, meaning, and purpose in human events through a comparative study of the Western and non-Western historical experiences.

Entry Level Standards:

The ability to read with a questioning mind and to write essay answers to exams is essential to performing well in this course. Students are also expected to be “active learners” in the sense that they should seek to accomplish more than memorization and passive absorption of reading material. Students should be prepared to spend at least two hours preparation time outside class for each class hour. No previous knowledge of world history is required.

Prerequisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Patterns of World History Siverson, et al.. 1st Edition. Oxford University Press.

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to course; Paleolithic to Neolithic Societies
2	Ancient Near East
3	Ancient Egypt
4	Classical Persia
5	Ancient Greece
6	Ancient Rome
7	Ancient Rome and Christianity
8	Ancient China
9	Ancient India

10	Islam and Byzantium
11	Medieval Europe
12	Medieval China
13	The Mongols and Global Trade Networks
14	Africa to 1500
15	The Americas to 1492
	Final Exam

II. Course Goals*:

The course will:

- A. Develop an awareness of major political, cultural, and social-economic developments in world civilization from the Ancient period to 1500. IV.1, IV.2
- B. Promote students' ability to think critically about the past. IV.1, IV.2
- C. Prepare students for life in an increasingly global world. IV.3
- D. Expand students' knowledge of how the past has shaped the present. IV.4, IV.5

* Roman numerals after course objectives reference objectives of the History Program in the General Education Goals.

III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes*:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify the major political themes in World Civilization from the Ancient period to 1500. A
2. Identify the major social-economic themes in World Civilization from the Ancient period to 1500. A
3. Identify the major cultural themes in World Civilization from the Ancient period to 1500. A
4. Write analytical essays that explore the main themes of World Civilization. B
5. Recognize that past societies possess different cultural values than their own society. C
6. Use their knowledge of the past to gain a deeper understanding of contemporary issues. D

*Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

IV. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:

World Civilization I is a writing-emphasis course. Students will be asked to write a series of essays that require them to create a factually based interpretation of past societies. The

majority of the final grade will come from this form of evaluation. Instructors may also make use of reading quizzes, require their students to interpret and evaluate original historical sources, and/or ask them to participate in extracurricular cultural events as part of their graded work for the course.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

N/A

C. Field Work:

N/A

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

N/A

E. Grading Scale:

The precise grading scale will be determined by individual instructors.

V. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the Vice President of Academic Affairs

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one's own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

Please see the Pellissippi State Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 04:02:00

Academic/Classroom Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions for the complete policy.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students that need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by sending email to disabilityservices@pstcc.edu, or visiting Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131. More information is available at <http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/>.

D. Other Policies:

Students are expected to demonstrate respectful behavior towards their instructor and their classmates. Conduct that disrupts the learning environment could result in a student's expulsion from the class. For more information, please refer to the Student Disciplinary Rules section of the college catalogue.