

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: History of the Ancient World

Course Number: HIST 110

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: ☒ First Year ☐ Second Year
☐ New ☐ Revised Course
☐ Replacement Course

Department: Humanities

Department Head: P. Best

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the history of the world from the origins of complex communities to around the fifth century CE, marking the decline of the Roman Empire, the Jin dynasty and Teotihuacan, as well as the rise of the Gupta Empire. A focus will be placed on the development of social, economic, and political institutions, and the experience of different classes, genders, and ethnic groups. Taking a different region as the focus of each week's classes, students will be encouraged to compare and contrast the different experiences and traditions of some of the ancient world's most iconic, as well as lesser-known, societies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify and explain the major historical events and themes of world history up to about the fifth century CE.
- Understand and critically evaluate the significance of historical themes, events and developments covered in the course.
- Analyze and employ primary and secondary sources relating to the history of the ancient world.
- Develop critical reading, thinking, and writing skills.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades ☒ Percentage ☐ Pass/Fail ☐ Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory ☐ Other ☐

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments: Map Assignments; In-class essays focusing on Critical Reading, Summary of Main Arguments, Identification of Source Evidence, Analysis</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation: Attendance, Preparation for Class, Discussion and Engagement</i>	Project: 10% <i>Specify nature of project: Primary Source Analysis</i>
Quizzes/Test: 10%	Midterm Exams: 25%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Kordas, Ann, et al. *World History: vol 1: to 1500*. Open Stax (Rice University), 2023.
- A selection of primary sources corresponding with each class will also be made available online.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1	Introduction & Pre-history	1
Week 2	Pre-History and the Agricultural Revolution	2
Week 3	Mesopotamia	4
Week 4	Egypt	3
Week 5	Indus Valley Civilization	3
Week 6	East Africa	9
Week 7	Review and midterm exam	
Week 8	Ancient China	4
Week 9	Ancient India	3
Week 10	Ancient Greeks	6
Week 11	Roman Kingdom, Republic, and Empire	7
Week 12	Americas	8
Week 13	World connections	
Week 14	Final Exam	

NOTES

- Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
- To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca

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