

# WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I

History 121 - Section 02  
University of Dubuque - Fall 2000

## COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Director:	Mike Zmolek	Class Time:	Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8 am to 9:15 am
Office:	310 Van Vliet Hall	Class Location:	Blades 201
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### Introduction:

This course is a survey of all of the world's major pre-modern civilizations, taking us up to the early modern period. We begin by looking at the origins of humankind, and the turn to discussing the early civilizations of the Near East: Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Hebrew Civilization. While our text focuses on Europe, we will also visit the historical shaping of Indian, Chinese, African and Pre-Colombian American Civilizations. By the end of the course, you should have a general working knowledge of all the early civilizations, and be ready to move on to World Civilizations II, which will deal with civilizations from the early modern period to the present.

### Format:

As a rule, Tuesdays will involve lectures or films, and Thursdays will involve quizzes, completion of lectures, and/or open seminars for discussion. You will be expected to complete the assignments in your study guide, following along chapter by chapter. You will also be expected to write a book review, but may choose to write a short essay instead. There will be a number of films shown during the course.

### Evaluation:

Classroom Attendance and Participation	10%
Quizzes	10%
Book Report	10%
Study Guide	20%
Mid Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%

Required Textbooks: *World Civilizations*, Vol. I, (1997) Ralph, Philip Lee et. al. (eds.), 9th edition, New York/London: W.W. Norton.

Study Guide for *World Civilizations*, Vol. I. (1997) Allen, J. Michael, 9th edition, New York/London: W.W. Norton.

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## ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

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**Grading Policy:** Grades in this class are based upon a point system. You will be given both letter grades and point scores for each assignment. Your final grade will be derived from your performance in all the areas of the class, and based on your composite scores. The grading scale is 90-100 for an A, 80-89 for a B, 70-79 for a C, 60-69 for a D, and 59 or below for an F. Short quizzes will be given on most Thursdays. A review will be held before each exam.

**Attendance and Participation (10%)** - Attendance will be taken daily, and will count towards half of your Attendance and Participation score. The other half will be a letter mark given to you based upon your performance in class. Performance means coming to class having read the assignments and being an active participant in the discussion, including asking questions.

**Quizzes (10%)** - Any given Thursday, you should be prepared to answer questions about the readings for that week on a short quiz. Quizzes will not be given every Thursday; expect from 4 to 8 quizzes throughout the course.

**Book Report (10%)** - You must write a 4-5 page book report on a book that is relevant to the course. You must get my approval of the title that you choose. If you are having a hard time locating a title, please see me for suggestions, I may pass out a list of possible titles. An 'A' report will be at least 5 pages in length, and will be typed, double-spaced on plain white 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Times 12 point font is preferable. If you would prefer to write an essay, see your instructor.

***Due: November 28.***

**Study Guide (20%)** - You will be expected to complete all of those sections in the Study Guide which your instructor assigns to you.

***Due Dates to Hand in Study Guide: October 17 and December 5***

**Exams Mid-Term (25%) & Final (25%)** - The Mid Term Exam will cover Parts I & II of the course, the Final will cover Parts III & IV. The Final will NOT be comprehensive.

***Exam Dates: Mid Term: October 19; Final: December 12 at 6:00 pm.***

***NOTE: Please be familiar with the University of Dubuque's policy on Academic Dishonesty. Read the "Values Violations" section of your Student Handbook. You are responsible for observing this policy.***

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## TENTATIVE SYLLABUS & LECTURE SCHEDULE (Subject to Revision)

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### **Introduction**

August 29 (Tu):           **Introduction to the Course**  
                                  **Film Theme: Origins of Humankind**

### **Part I: The Dawn of History**

September 5 (Tu):       **First Session: The Earliest Beginnings**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 1, pages 3-26  
Study Guide: Chapter 1, pages 1-6

**Second Session: Mesopotamian Civilization**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 2, pages 27-50  
Study Guide: Chapter 2, pages 7-10

September 12 (Tu):   **First Session: Film Theme: Egypt**

**Film:**                    **“Pyramid”**

**Second Session: Egyptian Civilization**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 3, pages 51-74  
Study Guide: Chapter 3, pages 11-14

September 19 (Tu):   **First Session: Ancient Indian and Chinese Civilizations**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapters 5 & 6, pages 99-154  
Study Guide: Chapters 5 & 6, pages 19-27

**Second Session: The Hebrew and Early Greek Civilizations**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 4, pages 75-98  
Study Guide: Chapter 4, 15-18, Review of Part I, pages 29-30

### **Part II: The World in the Classical Era**

September 26 (Tu):   **First Session: Greek Civilization**

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**Film:** "The War that Never Ends"

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 7, pages 155-192  
Study Guide: Chapter 7, pages 31-36

**Second Session: The Hellenistic Civilization**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 8, pages 193-218  
Study Guide: Chapter 8, pages 37-42

October 3 (Tu): **First Session: Film Theme: Roman Society**

**Film:** "I, Claudius" (selections from this 13 part series)

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 9, pages 219-230  
Study Guide: Chapter 9, pages 43-48

**Second Session: Roman Civilization**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 9, pages 231-256

October 10 (Tu): **First Session: Christianity and the Transformation of the Roman World**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 10, pages 257-290  
Study Guide: Chapter 10, pages 49-54

**Second Session: Asia and Africa in Transition**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 11, pages 291-351  
Study Guide: Chapter 11, pages 55-62

October 17 (Tu): **Review of Parts I - II (we will end class at 7:20)**

**Assignment:** Study Guide: Review of Part 2, pages 63-64  
**\*Due: Hand in Study Guides**

October 24 (Tu): **Mid-Term Exam (First Session)**

**Second Session: (Begin Part III of Course) Rome's Three Heirs: The Byzantine, Islamic, and Early-Medieval Western Worlds**

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**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 12, pages 352-406  
Study Guide: Chapter 12, pages 65-72

## **Part III: The World in the Middle Ages**

October 31 (Tu): **First Session: The High Middle Ages (1050-1300):  
Economic, Social, and Political Institutions**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 13, pages 407-446  
Study Guide: Chapter 13, pages 73-78

**Second Session: (1050-1300): Religious and Intellectual  
Developments**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 14, pages 447-492  
Study Guide: Chapter 14, pages 79-84

November 7 (Tu): **First Session: The Later Middle Ages (1300-1500)**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 15, pages 493-542  
Study Guide: Chapter 15, pages 85-90

**Second Session: Centuries of Turmoil and Grandeur in Asia**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 16, pages 543-584  
Study Guide: Chapter 16, pages 91-96

November 14 (Tu): **The Americas and Africa Before the Age of European  
Overseas Expansion (End of Part III, we will end class at  
7:20)**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 17, pages 585-615  
Study Guide: Chapter 17 & Review of Pt. 3, pages 97-104

## **Part IV: The Early-Modern World**

November 21 (Tu): **First Session: The Civilization of the Renaissance**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 18, pages 617-666  
Study Guide: Chapter 18, pages 105-110

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## **Second Session: Europe Expands and Divides: Overseas Discoveries and Protestant Reformation**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 19, pages 667-710  
Study Guide: Chapter 19, pages 111-116

**\*Due: Book Report**

November 28 (Tu): **First Session: Film (TBA)**

## **Second Session: A Century of Crisis for Early modern Europe**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 20, pages 711-756  
Study Guide: Chapter 20, pages 117-122

**Evaluations**

December 5 (Tu): **First Session: India, East Asia, and Africa During the Early-Modern Era (c. 1500-1800)**

**Assignment:** World Civilizations: Chapter 21, pages 757-812  
Study Guide: Chapter 21, pages 123-130

## **Second Session: Review of Parts III & IV**

**Assignment:** Study Guide: Review of Part 4, page 131

**\*Due: Hand in Study Guides**

December 12 at 6:00 pm: **Final Exam (will cover Parts III and IV)**

**Note: It would be advisable to mark due dates and exam dates in your personal calendar.**