

History 2A
World History to 1500
Fall 2008
MWF 12:30–1:40 Stevenson 150

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Sections:

#	Day	Time	Location	Teaching Assistant
01A	M	5:00–6:10PM	Cowell Clrm 131	Troy Crowder (email via WebCT)
01B	T	6:00–7:10PM	Eight Acad 252	Colin Tyner (email via WebCT)
01C	T	7:30-8:40PM	Eight Acad 252	Troy Crowder
01D	F	2–3:10PM	Cowell Clrm 131	Colin Tyner

Course description:

This course surveys the rise of complex societies, including the formation of classical civilizations in Afro-Eurasia, the Americas and Oceania as well post-classical empires up to the age of European expansion. Emphasis will be placed on themes relating to cross-cultural exchange, technology, environmental change and the relationship between culture and power.

Course requirements and evaluation:

There will be three lectures per week, attendance may be taken, but will not be graded.

Important announcements will be made in lecture and it is the students' responsibility to keep current.

Attendance at discussion sections is mandatory; more than one undocumented and unexcused absence may result in disqualification from the course. Late arrival may be counted as absence at the Instructor's discretion.

Assignments include two in-class tests, an exam and in-section assignments and activities

Discussion Sections:

Sections will begin as of October 6. You should attend having done the present week's reading; participation will be graded. You will need to bring the course reader to each section. If you are hoping for a permission code, attend whichever section does not conflict with your other classes until such a time as you are registered. **NB:** Unless there is room in a section which does not conflict with your other classes **you cannot enroll** (no exceptions). If you need to miss section you may with prior permission attend your TA's other section for that week.

Grade distribution:

Assignments will be weighted accordingly to calculate your **final grade:**

Test 1 (Unit 1)	20%
Test 2 (Unit 2)	25%
Exam (Unit 3 & entire course)	35%
In-section assignments & Participation	20%
Total =	100%

WebCT

WebCT is an intra-net system that we will use for posting course-related material and for e-mail communication.

WebCT is accessed via the **Instructional Computing** web page (<http://ic.ucsc.edu/>).

Sign in using your Cruzmail username and password and log into the HIS 2A page.

Required Texts:

Jerry H. Bentley and Herbert F. Zeigler, *Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Human Past* (McGraw Hill).

Andrea, Alfred & Overfield, James, *The Human Record: Sources of Global History, Vol. 1 to 1700*. (Houghton Mifflin)

* these books are available at the Bay Tree Bookstore; you may find used copies at online bookstores, but check that the pagination and contents match with the present edition

Academic Integrity:

All the work you submit for this course must be yours and yours alone, and should be original work prepared for this course only. Any violations of academic integrity will be pursued with rigor and sanctioned with the maximum penalty possible.

NB: This Syllabus, assignments and grading distribution **may change** at the discretion of the Instructor during the course of the quarter. In this case you will be notified in class and by WebCT.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

26-Sept F Introduction to World History

Part One: Early Complex Societies, 3500-500 B.C.E

Week I: The Rise of Complex Society *Traditions & Encounters* 2–5, 43–62; *Human Record* Prologue

29-Sept M Out of Africa

1-Oct W “Indo-Europeans” & South Asia

3-Oct F Early Societies in Southwest Asia

Week II: Early Societies in Africa & Asia *Traditions & Encounters* 25–42 & 63–81; *Human Record* 5–60

6-Oct M Early African Societies and the Bantu Migrations

8-Oct W Early Societies in East Asia

10-Oct F Trade and Migration: America/ Oceania

Week III: Early Societies in Oceania and the Americas *Traditions & Encounters* 84–114; *Human Record* 5–60

13-Oct M The Emergence of Empires in West

15-Oct W The Unification of China

17-Oct F Review Class

Part Two: The Formation Of Classical Societies, 500 B.C.E. to 500 C.E.

Week IV: The Formation of Classical Civilizations *Traditions & Encounters* 115–130; *Human Record* 60–150

- 20-Oct M **1st Test**
- 22-Oct W Film: The Search for Adam
- 24-Oct F State and Society in South Asia

Week V: Empire and Cross-Cultural Exchange *Traditions & Encounters* 131–175; *Human Record* 60–150

- 27-Oct M The Hellenistic World
- 29-Oct W The Roman World & Europe
- 31-Oct F Silk, Horses and Spice

Part Three: The Post-Classical Era, 500 B.C.E. to 1000 C.E.

Weeks VI & VII: Postclassical Europe & Asia, 500–1000 C.E. *Traditions & Encounters* 175–249; *Human Record* 153–313

- 3-Nov M Byzantium & South Asia
- 5-Nov W The Rise of Islam
- 7-Nov F The Resurgence of Empire in East Asia

- 10-Nov M Americas & Oceania
- 12-Nov W **2nd Test**

Part Four: An Age Of Cross-Cultural Interaction, 1000 to 1500 C.E.

Week VIII: Centers and Edges 1100–1350 *Traditions & Encounters* 249–265 & 301–317; *Human Record* 241–313

- 14-Nov F Barbarians & Christians

- 17-Nov M Islam on the Edge
- 19-Nov W Christianity on the Edge
- 21-Nov F East Asia & the Center

Week IX: The Great Transformation, 1000-1350 C.E. *Traditions & Encounters* 267–285 & 317–335; *Human Record* 313–353

- 24-Nov M Mongols
- 26-Nov W Americas & Oceania
- 28-Nov F HOLIDAY**

Week X: Towards the Modern World, 1350-1500 C.E. *Traditions & Encounters* 285–301 & 335–348; *Human Record* 353–415

- 1-Dec M 14th-Century Contraction
- 3-Dec W 15th-Century Expansion
- 5-Dec F Conclusions

- 19-Dec **EXAM**