

HIST 101 Online

World History to 1500

Fall 2023

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If you have not already done so, please visit the Instructor's Welcome page for additional advice on taking this course.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Major patterns of human society and civilization prior to the modern era, comparing social and political institutions as well as cultural and religious traditions from Africa, Asia, Europe, Mesoamerica, and the Middle East.

CREDITS: 3

PREREQUISITES: None.

OBJECTIVES:

The goal of this course is to familiarize you with some of the major themes of human history to 1500 C.E. The course will take a comparative approach emphasizing the particular dynamics at work within and between cultures around the globe. Among the issues we will discuss are the following:

- The character of hunter/gatherer, agricultural, and nomadic societies,
- The origins, commonalities, and diversity of the world's religions and philosophies,
- The development of political thought and practice,
- Gender relations,
- Environmental degradation, and
- The importance of trade throughout human history.

