



**Course Syllabus: World Civilizations since 1500**

**Department of History**

College of Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

HIST 1453

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**Course Description**

The instructor has designed this course to provide students with a basic understanding of the events and themes born out of the “Age of Discovery” to the present day. This course is in no way comprehensive due to the scope of the material, but critical thinking and analysis are paramount for this course. Students will be encouraged to think and thoughtfully discuss the various themes and events covered in the modules. In addition to providing a foundation of World History this course will help students critically analyze primary sources.

**Textbook**

Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson, *Thinking Through the Sources, Ways of the World: A Brief Global History with Sources 4th Edition*

ISBN: 9781319170257

**Student Handbook**

Refer to: Student Handbook 2021-22

**Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures**

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given).

Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

### **Grading**

Assignments	Percentage
Essays	35%
Quizzes	30%
Final	35%

### **Grade Points**

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

### **Essays**

There are three essays analyzing primary sources. The purpose of this assignment is to read a primary source and draw conclusions using the evidence from the source. They are basically tests. (see D2L of information on the quiz.)

### **Final**

The final is a 50 question multiple choice exam covering all of the assigned sources and information on the PowerPoints. It will be done in D2L on the assigned day and timed.

### **Make Up Work**

Students who miss class due to university-related activities will be able to make up exams and writing assignments. In cases of a doctor's excuse and/or a family death, other students will also be able to make up exams and writing assignments. All other reasons are unexcused and late work will not be accepted.

### **Midterm Progress Report**

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. All students will receive this midterm progress report. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students' transcript, nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with the instructor.

### **Office Hours**

Since I am also The Priddy Scholars Coordinator I am all over campus. If you need to discuss anything with me during the day an appointment must be scheduled. Email is the best way to get in touch with me.

### **Email**

\*Please send all emails to my email address: [joshua.yyasi@msutexas.edu](mailto:joshua.yyasi@msutexas.edu); emails sent to this address will be answered more efficiently.

### **Important Dates**

Deadline to file for graduation: September 26th  
Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" October 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Desire-to-Learn (D2L)**

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into D2L through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

### **Attendance**

\*Attendance is expected and will be taken into consideration if a student is close between letter grades. Official university absences will be excused. A student with more than four unexcused absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor.

\*The instructor will not give out notes under any circumstances. Students are responsible for all missed information.

### **Instructor Class Policies**

\*Attendance requires more than being present in class. It means showing up prepared; contributing to class discussions; and exhibiting respect for classmates and the instructor.

### **Services for Students With Disabilities**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to Disability Support Services.

### **College Policies**

Campus Carry Rules/Policies: Refer to: Campus Carry Rules and Policies Smoking/Tobacco Policy: College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location. Alcohol and Drug Policy: To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

### Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University Undergraduate Catalog Notice: Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

### Class Schedule

Week or Module	Readings and other Assignments
<b>Week 1</b> August 21-27	<b>Chapter 12</b>
<b>Week 2</b> August 28- September 3	<b>Chapter 13</b> Ch. 12-13 Quiz Due 9/2
<b>Week 3</b> September 4-9	<b>Chapter 14</b> 9/5 Labor Day, No Class
<b>Week 4</b> September 11-17	<b>Chapter 15</b> Ch. 14-15 Quiz Due 9/16
<b>Week 5</b> September 18-24	<b>Chapter 16</b> Essay 1 Assigned 9/23
<b>Week 6</b> September 25-October 1	<b>Chapter 17</b> Ch. 16-17 Quiz 9/30 Essay 1 Due 9/26
<b>Week 7</b> October 2-8	<b>Chapter 18</b>
<b>Week 8</b> October 9-15	<b>Chapter 19</b> Ch. 18-19 Quiz Due 10/14
<b>Week 9</b> October 16-22	<b>Chapter 20-21</b> Essay 2 Assigned 10/21
<b>Week 10</b> October 23-29	<b>Chapter 20-21</b> Ch. 20-21 Quiz Due 10/28 Essay 2 Due 10/24
<b>Week 11</b> October 30-November 5	<b>Chapter 22-23</b>
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Chapter 22-23</b>

November 6- 12	Quiz Due 11/11
<b>Week 13</b> November 13-19	<b>Make Up Week/Work on Final</b> Essay 3 Assigned 11/18
<b>Week 14</b> November 20-26	<b>Make Up Week/ Thanksgiving Break</b> No class, unless we need this as a make up day. Essay 3 Due 11/21
<b>Week 15</b> November 27- December 3	<b>Final Presentations</b>
<b>Week 16</b> December 4-10	<b>Final Presentations</b>