



Course Syllabus: World Civilizations since 1500

College of Liberal Arts
HIST 1453 Section X40
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Instructor Response Policy

Email is the best way to reach me outside of office hours and I will try to respond within 24 hours of your email. However, I do not check my email as regularly on Saturday.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

John Dardess' *Ming China, 1368-1644: A Concise History of a Resilient Empire*
[link to the book](#)

Matthew Brown and Gabriel Paquette's *Connections After Colonialism: Europe and Latin America in the 1820s* [link to the book](#)

Peter Alegi's *African Soccerescapes: How a Continent Changed the World's Game*
[link to the book](#)

Mike Mason's *Global Shift: Asia, Africa, and Latin America, 1945-2007* [link to the book](#)

Course Description

This course is an introductory overview of the major events and trends in world civilization from c. 1500 CE to the present. It differs from Western surveys by also covering the history of peoples on the continents of Asia, Africa, and Central and South America. This course assumes no prior knowledge.

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Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given).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

Grading/Assessment

Assessment: Your final grade is out of 1000 potential points that can be earned from three potential sources

- Lecture Responses (400 points)
 - 50 points per response and your lowest response grade will be dropped.
- Book Reports (500 points)
 - Four assigned book reports each worth 100 points
 - One book that you select, also worth 100 points
- Personal Book selection (100 points)
 - Your proposal for which book you will choose and how it fits with World History

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Lecture Response	400
Personal Book Selection	100
Book Reports	500
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	900
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

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.

Online Computer Requirements

All the writing assignments will need to be turned into D2L prior to the due date listed in the syllabus. As such you will need access to a computer that is connected to the internet. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

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](#).

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

Below is the complete course schedule along with readings for each class period and due dates for the assignment. Please note that the schedule may change due to unforeseen circumstances, but I will notify you of the changes and update the dates in the syllabus.

Course Schedule

Since this is an online course, all deadlines are available in D2L