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HIST 112 002 World Civilizations, 950-1750

(CRN Number: 12437)

Fall 2020 (8/25-12/11) Online Course | 3 Credit Hours

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The instructor understands the challenges students are facing during this pandemic. Please use emails or attend the Blackboard's discussion and virtual office hours to stay in close contact with me so that I can accommodate your needs with timely measures.

Email: change@winthrop.edu

I will reply to your email within 24 hours if you use your Winthrop email account, clearly tell me who you are, and give a clear subject in the subject line. Otherwise, I would not know your identity and cannot reply to you. You can also ask me questions on Blackboard: Go to our class on Blackboard and find "Discussions" in the content area on the left of our course homepage. Click on "Discussions," and then create a thread in the "I have a question" forum.

Class Location

- On <u>*Blackboard*</u>. Here are the tutorial to log in and more tutorials of other resources.
 - Log in to Blackboard
 - o <u>Online Learning: Student Training & Resources</u>
 - <u>Preparing for Remote Learning</u>.
- You should check your Winthrop email daily and access Blackboard several times a week to participate and stay on track.

Class Meeting Time

Class meets synchronously every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and asynchronously in the weekly discussion, both of which are counted into your final grade. Make your other plans around the schedule to attend the Wednesday class, not the other way around.

Office Hours:

- I will be on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra on <u>Wednesday @ 12:20-3:20</u> and on <u>Thursday @ 5:00-8:00</u>
- If you'd like to schedule an appointment outside the time listed above, please email me at changc@winthrop.edu

Course Description

This course explores the history of major civilizations from about 950 to about 1750 CE. Taking both global and historical perspectives, we will cover important and universal themes, including trade, religion, empire, migration, and geographical exploration. For example, we will compare and discuss topics such as growth and spread of important civilizations; creation, growth, and conflicts of empires; evolution and reformations of religions; and transformation of social structures. The goal of this course is to understand the time periods in which historical events and human beings are embedded and the interconnected nature of the world.

Technology Requirements

Required Hardware

- A modern computer running Windows 7 or later or Mac OSX 10.7 or later
- A reliable internet connection
- Built-in or external computer speakers
- Webcam and microphone

If the Internet fails in class (real-life situation) or during office hours on my side, e.g. my monitor freezes, which I might not notice, please speak up to tell me immediately online. If I can't resolve the issue and have to pause the class or office hours, I will email the class ASAP to guarantee students' progress.

Should you have any tech need, laptops and hotspots are being coordinated via IT and the Dacus Library, and the process for tech requests and support can be found here: <u>Laptop Request</u> <u>Information</u>. All requests should begin with an email from your official WU email account to servicedesk@winthrop.edu, and include the following information: First name, Last name, CWID (Campus Wide ID – Log into Wingspan to locate it), or Specific software you may need.

Required Software

- Microsoft Office
- Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox

Note: Faculty and students need a safe space in which to discuss topics that can be difficult due to differing experiences and points of views. Students and faculty must agree that course materials and/or discussions in any format are safe from the fear of being posted or shared with individuals outside of the course section. No recordings of any format (audio and/or video) may be captured WITHOUT the express consent from the instructor and speaker, and if consent is granted, must be properly cited. Recordings or copies of classroom proceedings (lectures, discussions, chats, etc.) or materials (syllabus, handouts, lecture notes, slides, readings, etc.) may not be published or used in any way that denigrates and/or decontextualizes the instructor or any student whose class remarks are recorded. If any personal copy of recording of class lectures or discussions is made, it must be destroyed (deleted and removed from trash) at the end of the semester.

Texts and Materials

• Peter von Sivers, Chaelres A. Desnoyers, and Gerogre B. Stow. *Patterns of World History: Combined Volume with Sources.* 2nd Edition. Oxford University Press, 2014. (ISBN 13:978-0199399789). Note: only this 2nd edition.

Each chapter of this book, a combined volume with sources, includes two sections the textbook (tertiary source, which is a summary of scholars' interpretations of primary sources) and sources (primary sources, which are materials produced by people or groups directly involved in the event or topic under consideration, either as participants or as witnesses). For example, in Chapter 11 the textbook section exists on pp. 310-343; When you read the textbook section, focus on those events that happened in 950-1750 and skim over those parts before 950 and after 1750 CE. I will briefly cover them to show the roots and consequences of historical events that we focus on here. The "sources" section has 5 primary sources from S11-2 to S11-9. Use the Schedule of Classes on pp. 10-12 to learn the assigned couple of sources to read each week.

This class covers the time from 950 to 1750 CE, but no world history book would perfectly fit into this time frame. Many empires and dynasties also existed beyond this time frame. For example, the Eastern Roman Empire (a.k.a. the Byzantine Empire) had many dynasties existing long before 950 CE; the Mughal Empire in India, on the other hand, lasted beyond 1750 CE. History cannot be sharply divided in this way.

I will also take both global and historical perspectives to explain why a world history narrative and our course are designed like this and what other narratives could be like.

• PowerPoint Slides (and Videos)

Available in the Content Area on Blackboard by week (under Week 1, Week 2, etc.). The PowerPoint Slides on the designated readings will be available in the beginning of each week on Blackboard. They are to help your understanding of the readings but cannot substitute the Wednesday lecture. (See Attendance Policy below)

• Supplementary materials like books or news links

Available in the Content Area on Blackboard by week. They are not designated or mandatory readings, but they are related, and useful or fun.

Grading System

Because this is an online course, it demands a high degree of self-motivation and self-discipline for successful completion. Start from Week One to develop the critical reading skills.

This course will be graded on a plus/minus basis. All course components will receive a number grade, but the final grade will be a letter grade and result from a weighted average of the grades of these course components. I will only give incompletes in extraordinary circumstances.

The course requirements are as follows.

Attendance on Blackboard	13 %	
Class Participation and Discussion on Blackboard	13 %	
Quizzes on Blackboard	13 %	
Three Essays (submitted to Turnitin, due on Sep 24, Oct 29, Dec 3)		
Final Exam on Blackboard (December 10, at 11:00 a.m.)	16 %	
Total	100%	

According to the Winthrop's academic regulations, the letter grades are assigned as follows:

93-100 =A, 90-92=A-, 87-89=B+, 83-86=B, 80-82=B-, 77-79=C+, 73-76=C, 70-72=C-, 67-69=D+, 63-66=D, 60-62=D-, 59 or less=F

In Fall 2020, a grade below C- or U (if it is on an S/U base) has no impact on the cumulative GPA. A letter grade above C- will contribute to the GPA. All itemized grades will appear in the section of "My Grade" on Blackboard when they are ready.

26% Active Participation

All virtual classes and office hours will use Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. Find <u>tutorials</u> here.

Every student is expected to regularly and actively participated in all course activities, including the weekly virtual classes on Wednesdays, quizzes and weekly discussion. Demonstrate your active participation, i.e. raising questions and making critical arguments about the readings and to respond to other students' findings and questions. I will look at your participation time and quality on Blackboard to decide the grades. According to the school policy, **if a student does not log in to the course for 21 days, the student will receive a grade of N** if the student withdraws from the course before the withdrawal deadline; after that date, unless warranted by documented extenuating circumstances as described in the Withdrawal from Courses section of the University Catalogs, a grade of **F or U** shall be assigned.

1. Attendance (13%)

- If an emergency arises and you are unable to attend a synchronous session, you are to contact the instructor immediately. The instructor reserves the right to deduct points from any digital absence.
- For an excuse to be valid, the student must submit **written verification** from a physician, advisor, or administer to explain the reason of the absence, or it probably will not be accepted. Excuses will be accepted for deaths in the family but must be supported by such evidence as an obituary or a funeral program containing the student's surname. The student must understand that I may or may not accept any excuse for a missed class.

2. Class Participation and Discussion (13%)

This is the asynchronous part. Each weekly discussion lasts from its Monday to Sunday. Each student is expected to join the discussion at least twice — 1) to submit your

opinion or analysis of a topic or historical event that you did not know of before; 2) read other classmates' posts and then respond to at least one thread to give your suggestions and help each other. Manage your time to do readings and watch PowerPoint slides as early as possible to join the discussion. The grade is based on your participation time on Blackboard and the evidence of your critical reading, thinking, and writing skills.

13% Quizzes

To ensure that students are obtaining the evidentiary base – keywords and themes of the readings, there will be a quiz (multiple-choice questions) **on Blackboard** after each Wednesday class, **starting from Week 2**. There will be no makeup quizzes without the instructor's prior approval.

45% Three Essays

- <u>Grade, Length, and Format</u>: You must submit three essays at least 1,000 words each. Each essay consists of 15 percent of the final grade. All essays must be typed, doublespaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1-inch margins, and documented in the MLA or Chicago Documentation style. Prompts will be provided in separate handouts.
- <u>Electronic Submission</u>: Submit your electronic copy of each essay to <u>*Turnitin*</u> by the end of the due date (Sep 24, Oct 29, Dec 3 @ 11:59 pm) with the ID and enrollment key below. Please create an account first if you haven't use it before. See <u>student tutorials</u> here. Then, use the ID and enrollment key to find the folder for our class.

Turnitin ID: 26028063

Turnitin Enrollment Key: WH95002

- <u>Failure to Meet the Requirements</u>: Failure to meet any requirement of an essay will result in an automatic deduction of the grade. If it is a failure to meet the minimum 1,000-word length requirement, the deduction will be in accordance with the ratio to the length requirement.
- Essay Workshop and Reading Drafts:
 - Before the due date of the first essay, there will be a brief essay workshop incorporated into the virtual class on the nature of the essay, the MLA or Chicago documentation style, and plagiarism.
 - I will happily comment on your drafts submitted at least 48 hours before the deadline. Email me your drafts. For the best result, please make an appointment and discuss your essay virtually with me after submission. Submitting drafts does not guarantee your grades if your final draft shows little revision and progress after the draft(s).
- <u>Late Essay Policy</u>:
 - If you have an illness or an extreme emergency that will force you to miss a deadline, please email me at least one day before the deadline a written explanation and a firm deadline by which you will be able to complete the essay. You must also submit written verification from a physician, advisor, or administer as soon as possible for rescheduling the deadline.

• Without the instructor's prior consent, late essays will not be accepted for full credit. They must be submitted to me via email and will receive a late penalty of one letter grade for each day (including non-class days and weekends) because they would be rejected by Turnitin after deadline. No more essay will be accepted after Dec 3.

16% Final Exam

On December 10 (Thursday) at 11:00 p.m. It will cover all lectures, discussion, and materials. Detailed information will be provided later. There is no makeup exam without the instructor's prior consent. Make your travel plans around the exam, not the other way around.

Student Code of Conduct—Cheating and Plagiarism

- Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as adult individuals. All academic work (including tests, essays, journal entries, presentations, and discussion) produced by you is the result of your own efforts and the explicit acknowledgement of other people's contribution. Cheating and plagiarism are intellectual thefts and have been considered two of the most common forms of academic dishonesty. Academic misconduct can result in failure of the assignment, failure of the course and even expulsion from the university. Read Section V, "Student Academic Misconduct," of the <u>Student Conduct</u> <u>Code</u>.
- Cheating is defined as obtaining or attempting to obtain, or aiding another to obtain credit for work, or any improvement in evaluation of performance, by any dishonest or deceptive means. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: lying; copying from another's test or examination; discussion at any time of answers or questions on an examination or test, unless such discussion is specifically authorized by the instructor; taking or receiving copies of an exam without the permission of the instructor; using or displaying notes, "cheat sheets," or other information devices inappropriate to the prescribed test conditions. Any student caught cheating, either conscious or unconscious, in any quiz or exam will receive Zero for it. The Dean of Students will be notified; additional measures could be imposed.
- Plagiarism is defined as the act of using the ideas or works of another person or persons as if they were one's own without giving proper credit to the source. Such an act is not plagiarism if it is ascertained that the ideas were derived through independent reasoning or logic or that the thought or idea is common knowledge. Acknowledgement of an original author or source must be made through appropriate references, i.e., quotation marks, in-text citations, footnotes, or commentary. Paraphrasing one or more paragraphs of any source and copying the structure of any source are also plagiarism. Examples of plagiarism include but are not limited to the following: the submission of a work, either in part or in whole completed by another; failure to give credit for ideas, statements, facts or conclusions which rightfully belong to another; failure to use quotation marks (or other means of setting apart, such as the use of indentation or a different font size) when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or even a part thereof; close and lengthy paraphrasing of another's writing without credit or originality; use of another's project or programs or part thereof without giving credit. No proper documentation of sources in writing assignments

will be considered plagiarism. If any part of your essays is plagiarized, or if you recycle your or anyone's old writing assignments (part or whole), you will receive punishments such as a grade of zero on the writing assignment or F for the course grade. The Dean of Students will be notified; additional measures could be imposed.

Students with Disabilities / Need of Accommodations for Access

Winthrop University is committed to providing accessible learning experiences and equal access to education for all students.

In Fall 2020, the Office of Accessibility (OA) will be working remotely. They can be reached via email, and they can explore options such as Skype, telephone, or other online options to engage in discussion and conversation if you have any concern (including mental health concerns, chronic or temporary medical conditions, learning disabilities, etc.) and if you anticipate or experience academic barriers due to the condition. Please contact OA for information on accommodations, registration, and procedures. After receiving approval for accommodations through OA, please make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely manner.

OA contact information: accessibility@winthrop.edu and at OA Team@winthrop.edu

Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center offers a variety of personalized and structured resources that help students achieve academic excellence, such as virtual tutoring and academic coaching. The ASC is located on the first floor of Dinkins, Suite 106. Please contact the ASC at 803-323-3929 or <u>success@winthrop.edu</u>. For more information on ASC services, please visit <u>Academic Success</u> <u>Center</u> for more details. To receive this service, sign up to attend tutee seminars in the beginning of the semester.

To utilize ASC Peer Tutoring during the 2020-2021 semester, students must enroll in and complete the Tutee Seminar on Blackboard. A two-minute video on how to enroll so can be found on the bottom of the ASC webpage. Upon completing the Tutee Seminar, students can register for up to two ASC Peer Tutors each semester via <u>Tutor Trac (www.winthrop.go-redrock.com</u>). Students who experience any difficulty with the registration process can contact the ASC at 803-323-3929 or success@winthrop.edu.

Note: If you do well in this course (A or A-), apply for the tutor job to enrich your resume in the coming semesters. I will be more than happy to write a recommendation for you.

Writing Center

In Fall 2020, the Writing Center will continue to virtually support students in need of improving skills and knowledge. You are invited to utilize Writing Center services at a variety of stages in your writing processes: understanding assignment directions; brainstorming ideas; creating "maps" or outlines; checking to see that your project specifically meets the directions specified by your instructor; exploring practical routes for revision and development; and adhering to

format and style guides (e.g. APA, CBE, Chicago, and MLA). Tutors can help you become conscious of, and proactive about, particular patterns that emerge in your written work and discuss strategies and resources that you can use as you write, revise and edit your own work.

You can make appointments using the <u>scheduling calendar</u>. If you have never used the Center before, please register for an account before scheduling your appointment. 30 minutes before your consultation, upload or share the writing that you'd like to chat about to the Writing Center Gmail: <u>winthrop.writingcenter@gmail.com</u>.

Click on *Writing Center* for more information.

Manners and Communication

Students are expected to exhibit responsible and mature behavior as college students and adult learners. This includes actively participating in class discussions/activities, respect all students' rights to express their opinions, and follow email etiquettes. You are encouraged to think, question, and debate with each other, to develop your critical thinking skills. But give evidence such as facts, data, and sources to support your opinions. When emailing me, use your Winthrop email account, give a clear subject line to indicate your email, use a professional salutation to address the instructor, tell me who you are, and remember your signature.

Student Goals of the Course

This course satisfies the goals of University-Level Competencies (ULC) for the undergraduate students:

Competency 1: Winthrop graduates think critically and solve problems.

Competency 3: Winthrop graduates understand the interconnected nature of the world and the time in which they live.

Competency 4: Winthrop graduates communicate effectively.

By its very nature, this course participates in the Global Learning Initiative.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to satisfy these complex goals, the course will have the following student learning outcomes:

Students in this course are expected to achieve the following learning objectives of the History Department:

- 1. History majors are personally and socially responsible. They demonstrate understanding of ethical dimensions of historical moments, processes, and developments (department outcome 2).
- 2. History majors communicate effectively core themes, ideas, and subject matter, in both written and oral form (department outcome 4).

Students in this course are expected to achieve the following learning objectives related to the historical perspective component:

- 1. Read, write, and speak standard English on historical topics.
- 2. Critically read significant primary and/or secondary sources on historical questions. Students should be able to understand their reading, as well as spoken and non-verbal messages.
- 3. Understand and practice rhetorical techniques and styles by speaking and writing on historical subjects. Speaking might include formal oral presentations, informal class discussion or small group discussions, or peer review. The writing component should include demonstrated writing competence appropriate to the level of the course. This should be demonstrated through a number of evaluated writing assignments.
- 4. Identify sound and unsound historical reasoning.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultural, aesthetic, and/or intellectual viewpoints and milieus.
- 6. Demonstrate ability to "think historically," i.e., they appreciate both the differences and the relationships between past and present and how past eras differ from one another.
- 7. Demonstrate an understanding of how historical change occurs and what causes it.
- 8. Articulate a philosophy of history or be able to use the "tools" of historiographical study and research.
- 9. Demonstrate knowledge of significant information specific to the topic, time period, or culture addressed.
- 10. Analyze, synthesize, and critically evaluate "difference" and the value of diversity. Put in its most fundamental expression, students should be aware of and resist the easy temptation to equate "different" with "inferior" or "wrong."
- 11. Demonstrate an appreciation of universal themes or "human constants" across historical periods; e.g., basic needs, gender relations, poverty, wealth, property relations, political movements, aesthetic values, and religious experience.
- 12. Demonstrate awareness of interrelationships that foster change among societies, regions, nations, and cultures.
- 13. Identify the root causes of historical changes or conflict and articulate methods of conflict resolution.
- 14. Demonstrate recognition of historical causes for present realities.
- 15. Demonstrate awareness of the impermanence of present circumstances and the inevitability of change in future realities.
- 16. Demonstrate knowledge of how artistic forms and expressions have changed over time periods, cultures, and disciplines
- 17. Demonstrate understanding of the relationships among various art forms within their sociohistorical contexts.
- 18. Critically evaluate the connections between the arts and society.

Students in this course are expected to achieve the following learning objectives related to the global perspective component:

- 1. To expose students to multiple perspective such as the influences of economic, historical, political, social, and cultural forces in the development and functioning of the world.
- 2. To study the effects of such forces on particular countries, cultures, and geographic regions.
- 3. To apply critical thinking and analytical skills.

4. To recognize human diversity (both past and present)

Students in this course are expected to achieve the following learning objectives related to the humanities and arts perspective component:

- 1. Demonstrate knowledge of and appreciation for diverse intellectual and/or cultural viewpoints.
- 2. Critically evaluate diverse intellectual and/or cultural viewpoints.
- 3. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the arts.
- 4. Demonstrate understanding of the relationships among various art forms within their sociohistorical contexts.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge of and appreciation for diverse values and beliefs.
- 6. Critically evaluate those values and beliefs.
- 7. Examine their own values and beliefs.
- 8. Critically evaluate materials in a variety of formats (e.g., written, oral, visual, etc.)
- 9. Gather information and to develop and effectively communicate ideas in Standard English.

This course conforms to the General Education guidelines by requiring 4 written assignments.

Global Learning Component

This course participates in the Global Learning Initiative by its very nature. The global learning component of this course is the following: It will compare cultures of different areas, political polities, socioeconomic systems, philosophical thoughts, and religions in the world.

Syllabus Change Policy

The instructor will do her best to adhere to the syllabus, but circumstances (such as the class's own experiences, world events, weather conditions, or health conditions) may require changes in syllabus. I will use the midterm survey to collect your opinions to revise the schedule and contents in order to help you. Therefore, any change and modification of the classroom policies, events, or items on this syllabus will be posted on Blackboard and conveyed in emails. All students are responsible for knowing these changes.

Schedule of Classes

All readings are selected from the required texts and materials listed on p. 3 of this syllabus. Complete readings before the beginning of each Wednesday class and *have the readings at hand* to attend the class. Meanwhile, attend the discussion on Blackboard before and after class to respond to questions, discuss with classmates, share your experiences, and take the quizzes.

Week	Topics	Readings and Class Activities
Week 1:	Introduction: The	• Syllabus Quiz (extra credit)
Aug 25 - Aug30	World in General	
Week 2:	Europe: The Middle	Readings
Aug 31 - Sep 6	Ages	 Patterns of World History (hereafter
		Patterns), Chap 11

		• Source 11.2, 11.5
		Discussion on Blackboard
		Quiz on Blackboard
Week 3:	Eurasia: Islamic	• Readings
Sep 7 - Sep 13	Civilization and	 Patterns, Chapter 10
	Byzantium	 Sources 10.1, 10.4
		• Discussion
		• Quiz
Week 4:	India and China	• Readings
Sep 14 - Sep 20	Essay Workshop	• Patterns, Chapter 12
		 Sources 12.1, 12.4
		Discussion
		• Quiz
Week 5:	East Asia: Korea,	Readings
Sep 21 - Sep 27	Japan, and Vietnam	 Patterns, Chapter 13
		 Sources 13.1, 13.2
		• Discussion
		• Quiz
		• Essay 1 due on Sep 24
Week 6:	Africa	• Readings
Sep 28 - Oct 4		 Patterns, Chapter 14
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		• Discussion
		• Quiz
Interim Grade d	ue on Oct 8	· Quiz
Week 7:	Eurasia: The	• Readings
Oct 5 - Oct 11	Ottoman-Habsburg	 <i>Patterns</i>, Chapter 16
	Struggle	 Sources 16.2, 16.4
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Waals 9.	The American	• Quiz
Week 8: Oct 12 - Oct 18	The Americas	• Guest Speaker: Dr. Brent Woodfill
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		• Patterns, Chapter 15
		• Sources 15.3, 15.4
		• Discussion
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Week 9:	Europe: The	• Readings
Oct 19 - Oct 25	Renaissance, New	• <i>Patterns</i> , Chapter 17
	Sciences, and	• Sources 17.1, 17.5
	Religious Wars	• Discussion
		• Quiz
Week 10:	The Americas:	• Readings
Oct 26 - Nov 1	Colonialism and	 Patterns, Chapter 18
	Indigenous	 Sources 18.2, 18.4
	Responses	

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		• Discussion
		• Quiz
		• Essay 2 Due on Oct 29
Week 11:	Africa, the Atlantic	• Readings
Nov 2 - Nov 8	Slave Trade, and the	 Patterns, Chapter 19
	Origins of Black	Sources 19.1, 19.3, 19.4
	America	• Discussion
		• Quiz
Week 12:	The Mughal Empire	• Readings
Nov 9 - Nov 15		 Patterns, Chapter 20
		 Sources 20.1, 20.2
		• Discussion
		• Quiz
Week 13:	East Asia: China and	Readings
Nov 16 - Nov 22	Japan	 Patterns, Chapter 21
		 Sources 21.1, 21.3, 21.5
		• Discussion
		• Quiz
Week 14: Nov 23 - Nov 29	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Week 15:	Eurasia: The	Readings
Nov 30 - Dec 3	Ottoman and	 Patterns, Chapter 25
	Russian Empires	• Sources 25.1
	_	• Discussion
		• Quiz
		• Essay 3 due on Dec 3
Dec 10	Final Exam on Blackboard @ 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	
(Thursday)		- ·