Course Syllabus

World History to 1500 (HIST 151)
Fall 2025, CRN: 62223, 3 credits
Online Asynchronous

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Course Information

Course Description: A global and historical survey focusing on human societies and cross-cultural interactions to 1500 C.E.(3 hours lecture) WCC: FG

Course Content/Foundation Requirements and Hallmarks: HIST 151 fulfills 3 credits in Group A of the General Education requirement (Foundations: Global and Multicultural Perspectives) for both and A.A. degree at WCC and a Bachelor's degree at UH Manoa. Consequently, it meets the following hallmarks of global and multicultural perspectives:

1. Provide students with a large-scale analysis of human development and change over time.
2. Analyze the development of human societies and their cultural traditions through time in different regions (including Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.)
3. Offer a broad, integrated analysis of cultural, economic, political, scientific, and/or social development that recognizes the diversity of human societies and their cultural traditions.
4. Examine processes of cross-cultural interaction and exchange that have linked the world's peoples through time while recognizing diversity.
5. Include at least one component on Hawaiian, Pacific, or Asian societies and their cultural traditions
6. Engage students in the study and analysis of writings, narratives, texts, artifacts, and/or practices that represent the perspectives of different societies and cultural traditions

Student Learning Outcomes: The student learning outcomes (SLOs) for the course are:

1. Identify important individuals, places, organizations and concepts in modern world history.
2. Arrange, in chronological order, significant events in world history.
3. Describe and analyze global processes from prehistory to 1500 C.E. (e.g. human migration, ecological forces, spread of world religions, creation of empires.)
4. Explain cause and effect relationships in history.
5. Compare and contrast historical experiences across cultures and time.
6. Relate historical events to contemporary issues and events.

Required Materials

Textbooks: Bentley, Jerry H, and Herbert F. Ziegler. *Traditions & Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past.* New York: McGraw-Hill, 2011. (ebook, access through Laulima)
Other Resources: Supplemental readings and videos will be provided by the instructor throughout the course via Laulima.

Grades/Assignment Descriptions

Your grade in this course will be based on the following course tasks that serve as both learning and assessment tools, for the purpose of measuring your learning and your ability to meet the course SLOs.

- **Forum Posts**: Students are required to complete 1-2 forum posts each week (varies each week). Forum posts are based on the textbook and supplemental readings assigned each week and are designed to align with specific learning objectives in each weekly module. All you have to do is post your comment by the due date listed in the course site and/or syllabus. Posts should be at minimum 250 words, but feel free to go over. And as the Forum makes up the vast majority of points awarded in this course, it is essential that you not miss any of these assignments. Each post is worth 10 points.
- **Forum Reply Posts**: Students are required to reply to at least ONE of their peers' posts each week. Replies must be substantial (100 words) and must address the content of the peer's post directly.
- **Required Reading Assignments:** You are also required to complete 5 written assignments based on the "Required Readings" dispersed throughout the semester. As the name suggests, these readings and assignments attached to them are required to complete the course. **Disregarding even one of these assignments will result in an automatic failure in the course, so be sure to plan accordingly.**
- **Quizzes**: Students are required to complete a number of quizzes throughout the semester based on the various assigned reading materials. Quizzes may include multiple choice, matching, or short essay responses and are designed to assess whether students meet the module learning objectives each week. Quizzes are worth 20 points each.

- **Grade Breakdown**:

Assignment	***Quantity***	***Value***	***Total***
Forum Post	17	10	170
Forum Reply Post	16	5	80
Quiz	5	20	100
Required Reading Assignments	5	20	100

- Grade Scale

Points	***Grade***
450-405	A
404-360	B
359-315	C
314-270	D
269-0	F

- CHEATING and PLAGIARISM are considered ACADEMIC FRAUD under the Student Code of Conduct. Ignorance of what constitutes plagiarism is no excuse. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a failing grade for this course. All work submitted in this course must be completed by the registered student. Substituting another's work is considered ACADEMIC FRAUD.
- INCOMPLETES are not granted for this course.
- Student Responsibilities: IIn instructional activities, students are responsible for meeting all of the instructor's attendance and assignment requirements. Failure to do so may affect their final grade. In all college-related activities, including instruction, they must abide by the college's codes and regulations, refraining from behavior that interferes with the rights and safety of others in the learning environment. Finally, if they decide to file a grievance, they are fully responsible for providing proof that they have been wronged.

Course Technology

As you know, this course is delivered in Lamaku as a Learning Management system
Please also be aware that Lamaku

- will be unavailable on a daily basis from 3:00am-4:00am HST for server backup and maintenance.
- automatically logs you out *if it does not detect activity for two hours*. A warning message will appear notifying you of the lack of activity. Activity is defined as clicking a button in Lamaku such as "Save Draft" or "Next" (in a test), clicking on a course tab, or taking an action that sends information to the server.

Required Hardware and Software

- A more recent model desktop or laptop (2014 or later model), either Windows or Mac is recommended
- Reliable high-speed (Cable or DSL) Internet connection
- A recent version of Firefox Browser. Download from Firefox Browser Update if you don't have it.
- Adobe (Acrobat) Reader. Download is free.

Minimum Technical Skill Requirements

In this course you would be required to utilize the Laulima learning management system to navigate and access course content. You will need to be proficient with basic computer skills such as word processing, navigating Internet browsers, downloading/uploading files, etc.

Technical Support

- UH ITS Computer Help Desk – email help@hawaii.edu or call 956-8883 (or toll free at 1-800- 558-2669 from the neighbor islands)
- Laulima Assistance Form – Click on the Request Assistance link at the bottom of any Laulima Page to fill out and submit a question and get your answer via email.
- Information Security for Students

Academic Support

University of Hawaii Community Colleges (UHCC)

- **Online Tutoring Service**: UHCC has contracted Tutor.com, an online tutoring service available 24/7 to provide additional academic support for UHCC students. For FAQs and how to access Tutor.com, review the Studying that fits your schedule 24/7 online tutoring for UHCC students! page.

Course Calendar

Part I. The Early Complex Societies, 3500-500 BCE

Week 1: Introduction to World History, Prehistory

- Introduction
    - Orientation to Laulima
- Readings
    - "Before History" (Bentley & Ziegler, chap.1)
    - Start reading Required Reading #1 "Women's History Article" (Due week 2)
    - Start reading *Epic of Gilgamesh* (Due week 3)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 1: Before History
- Forum
    - Forum 1.1 Introduction
    - Forum 1.2 Before History

Due Date: All assignments and Forum posts are due by 11:59 pm, Sunday of Week 1.

Week 2: Women's History of the World, SW Asia, Indo-European Migrations

- Readings
    - Early Societies in Southwest Asia and the Indo-European Migrations(Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 2)
    - Required Reading #1 "Women's History Article"
    - Keep reading *Epic of Gilgamesh* (Due week 3)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 2: Mesopotamia, SW Asia, Indo-European Migration
- Assignments
    - Due: Required Reading Assignment 1: Women's History
- Forum
    - Forum 2.1: Mesopotamia
    - Extra Credit Forum: Women's History

Due Date: All assignments and Forum posts are due by Sunday, 11:59 pm.

Week 3: The Epic of Gilgamesh, Africa and the Bantu Migrations

- Readings
    - Required Reading #3 “The Epic of Gilgamesh”
    - Early African Societies and Bantu Migrations (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 3)
    - Start reading Required Reading 3: The Ramayana (due Week 7)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 3: Africa and the Bantu Migrations
- Assignments
    - Due: Required Reading Assignment 2: Epic of Gilgamesh
- Forum
    - Forum 3.1 Africa
    - Extra Credit Forum: Gilgamesh
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Week 4: Early Societies of South Asia/East Asia

- Readings
    - Early Societies in South Asia (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 4)
    - Early Societies in East Asia (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 5)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 4: South Asia
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 5: East Asia
- Forum
    - Forum 4.1

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Week 5: Early Societies in Americas and Oceania

- Readings
    - Early Societies in Americas and Oceania (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 6)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 6: Americas and Oceania
    - Watch Documentary: *The Navigators*
- Forum
    - Forum 5.1

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Part II. The Formation of Classical Societies, 500 BCE-500 CE

Week 6: The Empires of Persia, The Unification of China

- Readings
    - The Empires of Persia (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 7)
    - The Unification of China (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 8)
    - Reminder: Required Reading 3 *The Ramayana* is due next week!
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 7: Persia
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 8: Unification of China
- Forum
    - Forum 6.1

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Week 7: The Ramayana and State, Society, and the Quest for Salvation in India

- Readings
    - Required Reading 3: *The Ramayana*
    - State, Society, and the Quest for Salvation in India and (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 9)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 9: State, Society, and the Quest for Salvation in India
- Assignments
    - Due: Required Reading 3 Assignment: The Ramayana Assignment
- Forum
    - Forum 7.1: India
    - Extra Credit Forum: Ramayana

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Week 8: Mediterranean: The Greek Phase

- Readings
    - Mediterranean: The Greek Phase (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 10)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 10: Mediterranean: The Greek Phase
- Forum
    - Forum 8.1

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Week 9: Mediterranean: The Roman Phase, Cross-Cultural Interactions along the Silk Road

- Readings
    - Mediterranean: The Roman Phase (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 11)
    - Cross-Cultural Exchanges along the Silk Road (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 12)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 11/12: Rome and the Silk Road
- Forum
    - Forum 9.1

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Week 10: Islam/Christianity Article and The Expansive Realm of Islam

- Readings
    - Required Readings 4: Islam/Christianity Article
    - The Expansive Realm of Islam (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 14)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 14: The Expansive Realm of Islam
- Assignments
    - Due: Required Reading 4 Assignment: Islam/Chritianity Assignment
    - Due (optional): Textbook Assignment 14
- Forum
    - Forum 10.1: Islam
    - Extra Credit Forum: Christianty and Islam
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Week 11: The Resurgence of Empire in East Asia

- Readings
    - The Resurgence of Empire in East Asia (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 13)
- Lectures
    - Watch Lecture Chapter 13: Resurgence of Empire in East Asia
- Forum
    - Forum 11.1

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Week 12: India and the Indian Ocean Basin

- Readings
  - India and the Indian Ocean Basin(Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 15)
- Lectures
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 15: India and the Indian Ocean Basin
- Forum
  - Forum 12.1

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Week 13: The Two Worlds of Christendom

- Readings
  - The Two Worlds of Christendom (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 16)
  - Start Required Reading #5: “The Crusades” Article
- Lectures
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 16: The Two Worlds of Christendom
- Forum
  - Forum 13.1

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Part IV: The Acceleration of Cross-Cultural Interaction 1000-1500 CE

Week 14: Nomadic Empires and the Eurasian Steppe, States and Societies of Sub-Saharan Africa

- Readings
  - Nomadic Empires and the Eurasian Steppe (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 17)
  - States and Societies of Sub-Saharan Africa (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 18)
  - Keep Required Reading #5: “The Crusades” Article
- Lectures
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 17: Nomadic Empires and the Eurasian Steppe
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 18: States and Societies of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Forum
  - Forum 14.1

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Week 15: The Increasing Influence of Europe

- Readings
  - The Increasing Influence of Europe (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 19)
  - Required Reading #5: “The Crusades” Article
- Lectures
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 19: The Increasing Influence of Europe
- Assignments
  - Due (Require): Required Reading 5 Assignment: The Crusades
- Forum
  - Forum 15.1

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Week 16: Worlds Apart: Americas and Oceania & Reaching Out: Expanding Horizons of Cross-Cultural Interaction

- Readings
  - Worlds Apart: Americas and Oceania (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 20)
  - Reaching Out: Expanding Horizons of Cross-Cultural Interaction (Bentley & Ziegler, chap. 21)
- Lectures
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 20: Americas and Oceania
  - Watch Lecture Chapter 21: Reaching Out: Expanding Horizons of Cross-Cultural Interaction
- Forum
  - Forum 16.1

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Course Policies and Resources

- This course will expect that you are able to independently read, comprehend the “facts” on your own, complete the assignments, and navigate through Laulima with little guidance.
- Keeping on track is a must in this class. Always refer to the Class Schedule that is included in this syllabus. Remember that this is a 16-week class. This means that EVERY WEEK you will be expected to read 3-5 chapters in the textbook, any additional readings in the form of books or articles, and complete the corresponding assignments as scheduled in the class schedule. If this sounds overwhelming (and to many it will!), then please drop the class and take the class during the regular semester.
- Check ANNOUNCEMENTS on the Main Page in Lamaku for any announcements pertaining to our class. I will usually post the announcement for the week and the discussion board assignments by Monday evening, so Monday evening or Tuesday morning is usually a good time to check the Lamaku’s homepage. Furthermore, you should check your UH email account frequently (you are required to use your UH email account, however you can have your UH email forwarded to any email that is more convenient.
- Make sure you adhere to the completion dates as NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED. The reason one takes an online class is for its flexibility, but I also think that keeping you to some sort of weekly schedule is the best way to ensure that you keep up with the overwhelming amount of material. And since this is also an online class with mainly written work, I TRUST that when you do your assignments, you are doing all of the work yourself and utilizing only the class resources (i.e., textbook, handouts, books, previous assignments, etc.) that you have. I do not tolerate any form of plagiarism, and punishment for any nefarious activity will be swift and brutal.

University Policies and Procedures

The University of Hawai'i is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. It is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, victims of domestic or sexual violence, gender identity and expression, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, disability, genetic information, marital status, breastfeeding, income assignment for child support, arrest and court record (except as permissible under State law), sexual orientation, national guard absence, or status as a covered veteran. For additional details, visit the UH Systemwide Policies and Procedures Information System (PPIS) site.

Student Conduct

Review the UH Systemwide Student Conduct Code for more information.

Academic Honesty

Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:

- Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty.

Cheating is an act of academic dishonesty and includes, but is not limited to:

1. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations;
2. use of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
3. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the UH faculty, staff or student body; and
4. engaging in any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion.

Plagiarism is also an act of academic dishonesty and includes, but is not limited to:

- the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement.
- It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

Furnishing false information to any UH official, faculty member, or office.

Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any UH document, record, or form of identification.

Financial Aid Statement

As you enroll in classes, it is very important to remember that colleges are required to take steps necessary to ensure that students are academically engaged in order to justify the disbursement of federal Title IV student aid funds. If students do not begin attendance in an online course, or stop participating in a course, Title IV funds must be returned according to Federal Return of Title IV funds regulations (34 CFR 668.21(a)), which means you may have to return some financial aid that you have received. If at any time your plans change and you no longer plan to participate in the courses in which you enrolled, you must contact the financial aid office to minimize any possible negative financial impact.

For more information on financial assistance for your education, please contact your home campus financial aid office. Financial assistance may include grants, scholarships and other resources to help you pay for the cost of college. A financial aid adviser will be able to help you navigate this process to determine your eligibility for these funds.

UH Title IX

- The University of Hawaii is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (UH Title IX). If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these, the University has staff and resources on your campus to support and assist you.
- If you would like to report incidents of sex discrimination or gender based violence, contact your campus Title IX Coordinator or submit the online reporting form.
- If you wish to remain ANONYMOUS, speak with someone CONFIDENTIALLY, or would like to receive information and support in a CONFIDENTIAL setting, contact your campus' confidential resource.

Accommodation Statement

The University of Hawai'i is committed to a barrier-free campus and provides accommodations to ensure students with disabilities equal access to education. We agree to make academic adjustments to ensure non-discrimination of students with disabilities. This commitment is in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (Title II) and the Rehabilitation act of 1973-section 504 and 508, individuals with disabilities have protections against discrimination and are assured access to programs, services and activities. For more information see "Americans with Disabilities Act" and "Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Section 504 or Section 508".

Students must self-identify to the appropriate Disability Services Office and complete the intake process before receiving reasonable accommodations. To ensure the prompt and effective provision of accommodations, students should contact the Disability Services Office as early as possible. Find your disability services office contact for your home campus.

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability is invited to contact the course instructor privately or your campus's disability services office.

- **Hawai'i Community College**
  Visit the HĀ'AWI KŌKUA website. For Manono Campus, contact the Hā'awi Kōkua Center at (808) 934 2825 or email hawccds@hawaii.edu. For Palamanui Campus, contact the Office of Student Services at (808) 969 8823 or email hawccds@hawaii.edu.
- **Honolulu Community College**
  Visit the Disability Access website.
- **Kapi'olani Community College**
  Contact the Disability Support Services Office, 734-9552, kapdss@hawaii.edu for assistance.
- **Kaua'i Community College**
  Contact the Disability Services office. For disability accommodations, please contact the Disabilities Service Coordinator at (808) 245-8314, by email at hashisak@hawaii.edu.
- **Leeward Community College**
  Visit the Services for Students With Disabilities website. For further information contact

Kris Hernandez, Program Coordinator, Disabilities Specialist and Allan Nebrija, Disability Specialists at (808) 455-0421; TTY: (808) 455 0532 Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

- **Maui College**
  Visit the UHMC Disability Services Office website. Contact Catherine A. Taylor, Disability Services Counselor, at cataylor@hawaii.edu or at (808) 984-3227.
- **Windward Community College**
  Visit the Disabilities Services website. For more information, contact Ann Lemke, Disabilities Counselor, at (808) 235-7448, email lemke@hawaii.edu.