

World Civilization I

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3 Credits, Online

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Office hours: By appointment only. **Please note:** I will be online at various times throughout the week: Monday through Friday, and **occasionally** on Saturday and Sunday; thus if you are encountering issues within the course I will make every effort to be available to provide you with support and assistance.

Course Description:

This course traces the origins of human beings from solitary nomads to complex multicultural societies. We will travel around the globe to visit early China, Celtic Europe, and the first civilizations in America. We will see the rise of the Persian Empire, Greek Empire, and the Han Empire. Along with the political expansion of these states, we will witness the founding of the most influential religions of our time Confucianism, Daoism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. We will conclude with the European maritime revolution.

Purpose:

This course deals with the major events of world history, with a special emphasis on events in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

Learning Goal:

At the end of the course, students will understand, articulate and synthesize the development of ancient and medieval world societies.

Learning Objectives:

- Actively engage in the learning process through demonstrated success on writing assignments
- Identify topics

- Read, assess, summarize and synthesize material
- Articulate central themes
- Actively engage in the learning process through demonstrated success on the final project
- Employ correct research skills
- Synthesize information to demonstrate knowledge of subject matter
- Select, design and present data which demonstrates knowledge of the subject matter

Attendance Policy:

There is no actual attendance policy for this online course. However, if you start having difficulty meeting the deadlines, and fall behind in your work, "attendance" may be the issue: i.e. not checking in to the web site or "attending" to the work on a daily basis. Thus, it is important to point out the deleterious impact that postponing your work can have on your grade by the time we come to the end of the semester. So please, put forth the most consistent and best effort you can and "attendance" will not become an issue.

Blackboard:

Of course, Blackboard will be the vehicle we will use to communicate throughout the course. In here you will find announcements, assignments, web links, assessments, the syllabus (which if you are reading this you will have already discovered), messaging, and grades. However, it is very important that everyone understand that **I will use** the internal e-mail system called **Messages** to communicate with you throughout the semester. You will find the **Messages link** in the course menu on the left of the screen. I will remain steadfast in using **Messages** only, so it is imperative that you check this web site daily for any correspondences from either me or any classmates.

Students with disabilities:

If you have a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please meet with a Disability Service Provider (DSP) as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations cannot be provided until you provide written authorization from a DSP.

TRCC Disabilities Service Providers Counseling & Advising Office Room A-119	
Matt Liscum (860) 383-5240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Disabilities • Sensory Disabilities • Medical Disabilities • Mental Health Disabilities
Chris Scarborough (860) 892-5751	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Disabilities • ADD/ADHD • Autism Spectrum

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a violation of the proper code of conduct in the world of learning. Academicians and institutions of learning, especially **TRCC, have a strict policy towards anyone that plagiarizes.** If you are uncertain about the meaning and implied use of this term, please see me for clarification. Do not plagiarize, please.

Required text

Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past, Volume 1, Fifth Edition. Bentley and Ziegler. McGraw-Hill, New York, 2011.

Additional readings may be assigned and you will be able to access them through Blackboard Learn or through the McGraw-Hill Connect web site.

The web site for this course is:

http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1

Course Outline

Although the required text book readings and a general outline of when the assignments are due is presented below, it is very important to understand that **the specific daily assignments and submission dates are listed on the McGraw-Hill Connect web site.** Every link to an assignment can be found by clicking on the **Daily Assignments tab** in the menu on the left. These links provide easy access to all

homework assignments, practice work, review quizzes, and tests. Additionally, the **Daily Assignments** serve as a guideline for the readings and all other exercises. It is designed to **serve as a guide only**. Each of you can arrange your schedules to complete the work at your own convenience. However, I have broken the course into three segments. Each segment ends on the evening before one of the three tests. When a segment closes, material that was due during that segment can still be handed in but the work will have points deducted off the score for lateness. Example 1, if you complete an assignment for Chapter 2 sometime in the middle of Segment 2, you will lose 10% off the grade. Example 2, if you hand in an assignment for Chapter 2 sometime during Segment 3, you will lose 20% off the grade. Etc.

No material will be accepted after Thursday, 16 May 2013 at 11:59 p.m.

Again, the address (url) for the McGraw-Hill class web site is

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Late Work Policy

As stated above under Course Outline, I will break down the course into three segments. The late policy is very simple. If you miss the assigned due date, but complete the assignment before the end of the segment, you will NOT lose any points off the grade. If you hand in material sometime in the middle of the next segment, you will lose ten points off the late assignment, and if you hand in material from the first segment during the third segment you will lose twenty points off that assignment.

There is **no make-up** for missed TESTS. If you miss any of these **you will receive a zero**. However, I do understand that unusual and unforeseen circumstances do occur. If you are confronted by such situations, please feel free to speak with me before the test date.

The **absolute deadline** for any late work is May 16, 2013 because I will need the time to correct the submissions and meet my deadline for submitting grades. Thus, any outstanding material not submitted by midnight, on Thursday, May 16, 2013 will receive a zero.

Assessments

There will be three tests, numerous quizzes, practice work, and homework assignments throughout the fifteen-week semester.

Each test is a combination of multiple-choice questions and essays (see the McGraw-Hill web site or Daily Assignments tab for the specific due dates). The **tests are open book, but they are timed**. Failure to complete a test by the due date will result in a zero.

The traditional quizzes often consist of multiple-choice questions designed to assess the assigned reading for the class. These **quizzes are open book, but they too are timed**. Additionally, failure to complete the quizzes by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above).

The practice work is designed to serve as a way for you to review the reading assignments. Very often these assignments consist of roughly ten to fifteen matching-style questions, placing material in chronological order based on the dates given in the text book, or written responses to primary sources or image sources. The objective is to proffer reinforcement of your understanding of the material in the text (see the McGraw-Hill web site or Daily Assignments tab for the specific due dates). **You may use your book to complete the practice work**. These assignments are NOT limited by time. Again, failure to complete a review exercise by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above).

Finally, the homework assignments on map skills, image analysis, or geography, etc. consist of responses to a variety of supplemental materials or web sites. Among the offerings, but not limited to these, are exercises or online interactive experiences (see the McGraw-Hill web site or Daily Assignments tab for the specific due dates). Again, failure to complete any of the assignments by the due date will result in the implementation of the Late Policy (see above).

- **Test[1]** is worth 10%. (Multiple choice and three essays: choose one)
- **Test[2]** is worth 15%. (Multiple choice and four essays: choose two)
- **Test[3]** (Final Exam) is worth 20%. (Multiple choice and five essays: one required; choose one from two; choose one from two - total of three essays)
- All **Quizzes** are worth 20%.
- The **Practice Work** is worth 20%.
- The **Homework Assignments** are worth 15%.

Daily Assignments:

Finally, there may be changes to the course outline and assignments as we move through the semester. All the changes and submission dates will be announced in a timely fashion.

January 24 - 28, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 1.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p> <p>If you click the link above and see a question that asks, "Do you want to view only the webpage content that was delivered securely?", click "No" and the site will open for you.</p>
January 29 - February 2, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 2.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p> <p>If you click the link above and see a question that asks, "Do you want to view only the webpage content that was delivered securely?", click "No" and the site will open for you.</p>
February 3 - 8, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 3.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the</p>

	<p>link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
February 9 - 13, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 4.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
February 14 - 19, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 5.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
February 20 - 24, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 6.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
February 25 - March 1, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 7.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
March 2 - 6, 2013 End of Segment One on March 6, 2013 at 11:59 p.m.	<p>Read Chapter 8.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found</p>

	<p>on the course Entry Page.</p>
March 7 - 10, 2013	<p><u>TEST [1]</u> Open Book: Covering Chapters 1 - 8, and any supplemental materials.</p>
March 11 - 15, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 9.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
March 24 - 28, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 10.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
April 1 - 4, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 11.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
April 5 - 8, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 12.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
April 9 - 12, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 13.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p>

	<p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
<p>April 13 - 16, 2013</p>	<p>Read Chapter 14.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
<p>April 17 - 21, 2013</p> <p>End of Segment Two on 21 April 2013 at 11:59 p.m.</p>	<p>Read Chapter 15.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
<p>April 22 - 24, 2013</p>	<p>TEST [2] Open Book: Covering Chapters 9 - 15, and any supplemental materials.</p>
<p>April 25 - 28, 2013</p>	<p>Read Chapter 16.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
<p>April 29 - May 2, 2013</p>	<p>Read Chapter 17.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
<p>May 3 - 6, 2013</p>	<p>Read Chapter 18.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments:</p>

	<p>http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
May 7 - 10, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 19.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
May 11 - 14, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 20.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
May 15 - 17, 2013	<p>Read Chapter 21.</p> <p>Visit web site and complete assignments: http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/w_army_spring_2013_wc1</p> <p>All assignments can be accessed by clicking the link above or by typing in the web address found on the course Entry Page.</p>
<p>Segment Three ends (for Late Work) on 16 May 2013 at 11:59 p.m.</p>	
May 18 - 20, 2013	<p><u>TEST [3]</u> Open Book: Covering Chapters 16 - 21, and any supplemental materials.</p>