SYLLABUS

HISTORY 207-601: The Ancient World
FALL, 2009: Distance Education

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Purpose and Scope: The course seeks to understand the roots of western civilization by studying the earliest civilizations in the Near East and the Mediterranean World. Emphasis will be placed on primary sources in translation.

Mechanics of the Course: The course is offered online via a webcast. The webcast link is http://courses.ncsu.edu/hi207/common/podcasts/index.html

Textbooks (all required):

NOTE: The atlas is bundled and sold together with the book by Parker.

Course GER Learning Objectives
This course fulfills the NCSU History GER (General Education Requirement) for a non-English speaking culture. “Each course in the history category of the GER will provide instruction and guidance that help students to:
1. understand and engage in the human experience through the interpretation of evidence from the past situated in geotemporal context; and
2. become aware of the act of historical interpretation itself, through which historians use varieties of evidence to offer perspectives on the meaning of the past; and
3. make academic arguments about history using reasons and evidence for supporting those reasons that are appropriate to the field of study.”

GER Conceptual/Content Learning Outcomes and Measures for HI 207
By the end of this course:
1. Your examinations, including longer essays, will demonstrate that you are able to analyze and explain the impact of major historical forces and events that shaped the region, the nature of historical change and causation, and the process of cultural interaction.
2. Your essays will demonstrate that you are able to evaluate, critique, and interpret primary and secondary historical sources.
3. Your essays will also demonstrate that you are able to write clear, well-organized arguments supported by specific, appropriate evidence.

Statement for Students with Disabilities
Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, students must register with Disability Services for
Students at 1900 Student Health Center, Campus Box 7509, 515-7653.  
http://www.ncsu.edu/provost/offices/affirm_action/dss/  For more information on NC State's policy on working with students with disabilities, please see the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Regulation.

Grading Criteria:

1. There will be two midterm examinations: the first exam at the end of the first unit of material, the second exam after the second unit. These will be partly objective but will be weighted primarily on essay questions. Each midterm is worth 30%, or a total of 60% of the final grade.

2. The final examination will be comprehensive, but weighted towards the final unit of material. It will be similar to the midterms in organization and will count 40% of the final grade.

3. The instructor will use plus/minus grading.
   a. First mid-term examination  30%
   b. Second mid-term examination  30%
   c. Final Examination   40%
   TOTAL              100%

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES, READING ASSIGNMENTS, AND EXAMINATIONS
(NOTE: Each lecture will be recorded on the date indicated and will be available on-line to DE students normally within 24 hours of this date).

I. PREHISTORY AND THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST
   8/20- Introduction; Paleolithic (Parker 1-10; consult web site: www.becominghuman.org)
   8/25- Neolithic Revolution (Parker 11-14)
   8/27- Rise of Near Eastern Civilization (de Blois xvii-xx, 4-30; Atlas 12-13; Parker 17-27, Legend of Sargon)
   9/1- Mesopotamia (Parker 27-29, Epic of Gilgamesh, Law Code of Hammurabi)
   9/3- Egypt I (Parker 31-34; Story of Sinuhe, Story of Two Brothers; Atlas 14)
   9/8- Egypt II (Parker 34-36; Expulsion of the Hyksos, Asiatic Campaign of Thutmose III, Hymn to the Aton)
   9/10- Anatolia, Syria, and Palestine in the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age (de Blois 31-37; Atlas 15-21; Parker 37-41)
   9/15- Israeliite Religion (Parker 41-43, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, Memphite Theology of Creation)
   9/17- Later Near Eastern Empires (de Blois 37-46; Atlas 22-25; Parker 45-48, Assyrian Annals; Overview of the Ancient Near East (de Blois 47-65; Parker 49-51)

First Midterm Examination (75 minutes) must be taken between September 21 (Monday) and September 25 (Friday). Please bring a blue examination booklet to exam.

II. ANCIENT GREECE
   9/24- Geography; Minoans (reread de Blois 25-27; Atlas 12; Parker 53-59)
   9/29- Myceneans (Parker 59-61); The Dark Age (de Blois 69-70; Parker 63-65, The Iliad)
   10/1- Archaic Greece (de Blois 71-80, 86-87; Parker 67-70)
   10/6- Sparta (de Blois 87-88; Parker 71-74, Xenophon, Laws and Customs of the Spartans)
   10/13- Athens (de Blois 89-94, 111-119; Parker 75-79)
   10/15- Persian War and Delian League (de Blois 95-103; Parker 81-85; Herodotus, History)
   10/20- Attempts at Domination (de Blois 103-111; Parker 85-86, Thucydides, History of the
Peloponnesian War)

10/22- Religion and Philosophy (de Blois 81-86; 120-128; Parker 87-91, Plato, Apology and Republic)
10/27- Greek Drama (Parker 91-92, Aristophanes, Lysistrata)
10/29- Alexander and the Hellenistic World (de Blois 129-148; Frank 20-21; Atlas 26-27; Parker 93-97)

Second Mid-term Examination (75 minutes) must be taken between November 2 (Monday) and November 6 (Friday). Please bring a blue examination booklet to exam.

III. ANCIENT ROME

11/5- Geography & Origins (de Blois 151-176; Parker 99-106, Livy, History of Rome)
11/10- Conquest of the Mediterranean (de Blois 177-185; Atlas 27-28; Parker 107-110)
11/12- Collapse of the Roman Republic (de Blois 186-216; Parker 110-115, Plutarch, Life of Cato)
11/17- Augustus and the Principate (de Blois 217-261; Atlas 30-31; Parker 117-120; Suetonius, Life of Augustus)
11/19- The Roman Imperial Economy (Parker 121-123); Roman Army and Imperial Frontiers (Parker 125-126)
11/24- Philosophy & Religion in the Roman Empire (de Blois 261-267; Parker 127-130, Lucretius, On the Nature of Things, Marcus Aurelius, Thoughts)
12/1- Origins of Christianity (de Blois 267-269; Atlas 32-41; Parker 130-132, The New Testament)
12/3- Imperial Crisis and Recovery (de Blois 270-287; Atlas 44-45; Parker 133-136)

FINAL EXAMINATION (3 hours) must be taken December 7 (Monday) and December 11 (Friday). Please bring 2 blue examination booklets to exam.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Distance Education students must come to the NCSU campus three times during the semester in order to take proctored exams. Students must schedule an appointment in advance through the Distance Education web site during a “window” of several days for each exam—see window dates above). This provides students with 24 hour access to schedule their exams and instant access to see available dates and times for their exams. The two-midterm exams will be 75 minutes in length. The final exam will be three hours in length.

The instructor will Email a study guide to each students about one week prior to each of the three exams. Therefore it is vital that students regularly check their university Email ("unity") account for both study guides and other messages from the instructor.

Each student should bring to each exam a blue examination booklet (a so-called “bluebook”) available at nominal cost (about 15 cents) at the university bookstore.

After grading, both mid-term examinations will be returned by US mail to students with detailed instructor comment. The instructor will mail the graded exams to the mailing address you provided the Distance Education when you registered for the course. THEREFORE, PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE MAILING ADDRESS YOU PROVIDED THE DISTANCE EDUCATION OFFICE WHEN YOU REGISTERED FOR THE COURSE IS YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS. IF IT IS NOT YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CURRENT “SNAIL MAIL” ADDRESS TO THE INSTRUCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
Scheduling Exams and Remote Proctors: IT IS EACH STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE EACH EXAM THROUGH THE DISTANCE EDUCATION OFFICE DURING THE APPROPRIATE WINDOW. (see below). Because of limited space for proctored exams, students are encouraged to schedule their exams well in advance of the desired date.

**Local Students** (Within a 50-mile radius of campus): to schedule your exams, go to [http://distance.ncsu.edu/students/localproctor.html](http://distance.ncsu.edu/students/localproctor.html)
Just as a reminder, all test sessions are by appointment ONLY. No walk-ins allowed.

**Remote Students** (Outside 50 mile radius from campus) may use a remote proctor arranged through the DE office. Proctor approval can take several days. Remote students should refer to the Remote Proctoring Page for questions concerning submitting an appropriate proctor and all other relevant details.
[http://distance.ncsu.edu/students/remoteproctor.html](http://distance.ncsu.edu/students/remoteproctor.html)