

# **COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: HIS
2. Course Number: 211
3. Course Title: World History to 1500
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description: This course introduces students to the wide range of civilizations and cultural traditions in the world prior to 1500. Course highlights how various civilizations found unique solutions to common problems, which, combined with increasing contact and exchange, resulted in the diverse contemporary world. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Special Requirements: Contemporary Global/International Awareness or Historical Awareness. Three Lecture.

B. Course Goals: The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to global or world history prior the 1500, the diversity of civilizations and cultures that comprise that world, how they interacted and influences the present-day world and how historical change occurs.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Develop an awareness of the processes of historical change.
2. Recognize the common characteristics behind civilization's development.
3. Apply inter-disciplinary methods to the study of civilizations.
4. Develop comparative criteria for cross-civilizational analysis from a global perspective
5. Explore cross-cultural interactions as a source of historical change.
6. Demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate and cogently synthesize diverse information.
7. Connect contemporary political, social, religious, and cultural conditions with the past.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Assessment will include:

1. Clear written and/or oral presentation and discussion of above outcomes

D. Course Content:

Will include:

1. The beginnings of civilization and its defining characteristics.
2. The rise of the three great Eurasian civilizations: Mesopotamia, Southwest-Asia, and China.
3. The role of the steppe nomads as diffusers of change.
4. The role of religion on civilizational development, including basic metaphysical beliefs, and the relationship between religion, politics and society.
5. The three main Eurasian religious traditions: Judeo/Christian, Buddhism, and Confucianism.
6. Cultural development within the various civilizations and societies.
7. Warfare and its relationship with social and political structures.
8. Technological and cultural developments among the three main civilizations.
9. The rise of Islam and its effects on Eurasian civilizations.

10. The rise and impact of global trade.
11. Survey of civilizations outside of Eurasian landmass (Africa and the Americas)
12. Discuss the age of exploration, both European and Chinese, and their consequences.