

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM

SECTION II. DISCIPLINARY STUDIES - HUMANITIES

1. COURSE NUMBER: **HIST 101a** SEMESTER HOURS: **3**

COURSE TITLE: **The History of World Civilizations. a: To the Age of Industrialization**
Start Date: Fall 1996
2. COURSE FORMAT: Lecture, films and other audio-visual materials (faculty). Discussion sections (graduate assistant). Average class size: 175; average discussion section: 20.
3. STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Student should be able to: (a) provide a chronological and geographical framework of historical civilizations of the ancient and pre-modern world; (b) view the historical development of civilizations as a process encompassing political, economic, and cultural interchange and conflict between different peoples of the world; and (c) build an appreciation and knowledge of not only the similarities in patterns of social development and change in world history, but also the enormous range of variation in human communities of the past.
4. DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION: Two ideas underlie History 101A. One is that the interdependence of human kind has deep roots in the past. This fact is not the consequence of twentieth century technology. No civilization, no matter how far back in time, ever arose in isolation, but always as a consequence of its interrelations with neighboring and sometimes distant peoples and cultures. The second basic idea is that in order to understand the significance of humankind's interdependence in our own time, we must try to make intelligible human history from a global vantage point that takes into consideration all people everywhere on the earth and all the ways in which these people interacted--politically, culturally and economically. Representative course topics for 101A: Prehistory and the Origins of Civilization; Hebrews, Persians and Indians; Ancient China and Greece; Africa, the Americas and Structural Comparisons; Africa, the Americas and Cultural Diffusion; Medieval Europe; East Asia and the Mongol Empire; The Nature of European Hegemony.
5. REQUIRED READING: Esler, *The Human Venture, Vol 1: The Great Enterprise, A World History to 1500* (1992); Sherman, *World Civilizations: Images, Sources, and Interpretations* (1994); Parry, *The Establishment of European Hegemony* (1966). All paperback.
6. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:
 - Two exams (30%)
 - Final (25%)
 - Three papers, 3-5 pgs (45%)
 - Map quiz (must pass in order to complete the course)All exams will be short essay questions and identification
7. ADVANCED UCC COURSE(S): HIST 207a (effective FA 01) 6/15/04