

**History 101**  
**World History to 1400**  
Samford University, Metro College

*To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say:  
You, too, can be president of the United States.*

George W. Bush

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**Required Texts**

Supplied online.

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**Course Description Learning Objectives**

This course will survey the political, social, cultural events, themes and trends in World history from ancient times to 1400. The class format will be an interactive online experience.

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**Learning Objectives**

After completing this course, the student:

- will have gained a broad appreciation of World historical themes across a wide range of cultural, social, and political subjects;
- will be able to place World historical events in chronological order and describe the interrelationship of these events;
- will have the ability to conduct a close reading of an historical text in order to gain a specific understanding of cultural, social, and political trends in World history;
- will be able to draw parallels between cultures, ideas, and belief systems from ancient times to 1400;
- will obtain an appreciation of tangential fields of study, including, but not limited to, religion, the arts, philosophy, science, communication, and geography in a World context;

- will be able to apply historical lessons to better comprehend, understand, and interpret contemporary events;
- will be able to identify causes and effects affecting major historical movements from ancient times to 1400.

## Assignments and Grading

Your final grade will be determined in this way:

20%      **Online responses to text questions**

The quality, thoughtfulness, and timeliness of your electronic responses to questions provided in the online text will be read throughout the course by the instructor (with appropriate feedback) and assigned a grade at the end of the course.

20%      **Quizzes** – there will be one online quiz per unit, taken whenever you are ready

20%      **1<sup>st</sup> Exam**

20%      **2<sup>nd</sup> Exam**

20%      **3<sup>rd</sup> Exam**

The exams may consist of short answers (multiple choice, matching, fill-in-the blank) and/or essays.

## Class participation

Group (class and professor) and Private (professor and you) discussion boards will be created, and based on the quality and quantity of your online participation, your grade may be raised or lowered (by not more than ½ a letter grade) at the discretion of the professor.

## Grading Scale

A	92 - 100	B-	80 - 81	D+	68 - 69
A-	90 - 91	C+	78 - 79	D	62 - 67
B+	88 - 89	C	72 - 77	D-	60 - 61
B	82 - 87	C-	70 - 71	F	≤ 59

## Disabilities

All students with disabilities seeking reasonable accommodation must register with Disability Support Services (726-4078 or 726-2105). Thereafter, please meet with the instructor to discuss reasonable accommodation requests verified by Disability Support Services.

## Academic Integrity

The Samford Honor Code governs all work done in this course, written or otherwise. In all cases students are expected to present original work or to properly acknowledge the source of information gathered from other

sources. Please refer to your copy of the Student Handbook for a more complete discussion of the importance of academic integrity. If in doubt about a particular issue, consult the professor.

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## Calendar of Instruction

This online course has been constructed to allow the student to advance at his/her own schedule. The weekly schedule below is provided to give the student a minimal schedule by which to complete the assignments. You may, of course, progress faster as time permits. Please check with the professor via email, phone, or class discussion link as to early scheduling of exams.

Week 1:	Complete Unit 1 (provided on Blackboard) -	Mesopotamia
Week 2:	Complete Unit 2 (provided on Blackboard) -	Egypt
Week 3:	Complete Unit 3 (provided on Blackboard) -	The Small Kingdoms
Week 4:	Complete Unit 4 (provided on Blackboard) -	Rise of Greece
Week 5:	Complete Unit 5 (provided on Blackboard) -	Classical Greece

**Exam 1** will be available online after completion of the first 5 Units

Week 6:	Complete Unit 6 (provided on Blackboard) -	Hellenistic World
Week 7:	Complete Unit 7 (provided on Blackboard) -	Roman Republic
Week 8:	Complete Unit 8 (provided on Blackboard) -	Roman Empire
Week 9:	Complete Unit 9 (provided on Blackboard) -	Fall of Rome

**Exam 2** will be available online after completion of Units 6 through 10

Week 10:	Complete Unit 10 (provided on Blackboard) -	Byzantium
Week 11:	Complete Unit 11 (provided on Blackboard) -	Islamic Civilization
Week 12:	Complete Unit 12 (provided on Blackboard) -	Rise of the West
Week 13:	Complete Unit 13 (provided on Blackboard) -	The Medieval World
Week 14:	Review and completion of course requirements	

**Exam 3** will be available online after completion of Units 11 through 13