

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
CANTON, NEW YORK**



COURSE OUTLINE

HIST 106 – WORLD HISTORY TO 1500

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- A. **TITLE:** World History to 1500
- B. **COURSE NUMBER:** HIST 106
- C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3
- D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** No
- E. **COURSE LENGTH:** 15 weeks
- F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall or Spring
- G. **HOURS OF LECTURE, LABORATORY, RECITATION, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY:**
3 lecture hours per week
- H. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** This course offers a general survey of world history to 1500. Using a global perspective, this course examines the emergence and development of world civilizations and their cross-cultural interactions. Some of the themes examined include: ancient civilizations and empires of the Near East, ancient China, India, Classical Greece and Rome, the development of world religions, the Arab world, Medieval Europe, and Africa and the Americas prior to European contact.
- I. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:** none
- J. **GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES):**
By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

<u>Course Objective</u>	<u>Institutional SLO</u>
a. Demonstrate knowledge of a broad outline of world history	2. Crit. Thinking
b. Identify the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, and culture of non-Western civilizations	2. Crit. Thinking
c. Analyze the development of world religions and global economic and cultural networks	2. Crit. Thinking
d. Evaluate the processes of continuity, change, and causality in history	2. Crit. Thinking

- K. **TEXTS:** To be determined by the instructor.
- L. **INSTRUCTOR REFERENCES:**
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M. **EQUIPMENT:** Technology Enhanced Classroom

N. **GRADING METHOD:** A-F

O. **MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Papers
- Debates
- Presentations
- Participation

P. **DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:** See attachment.

Q. **LABORATORY OUTLINE:** Not applicable.

TOPICAL OUTLINE

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TOPICS

- I. First Civilizations
 - A. Human Origins
 - B. City-States and Empires in Mesopotamia
 - C. Egypt
 - D. Persian Empire
 - E. Ancient Religions

- II. Classical Societies
 - A. Ancient India
 - B. Ancient China
 - C. Civilization of the Greeks
 - D. Roman Republic and Empire

- III. New Civilizations and Societies
 - A. The Americas and Pacific Islands before Contact
 - B. Islam and the Arab Empire
 - C. Early Civilizations in Africa

- IV. Expansion of Ancient Societies
 - A. Buddhism, Hinduism and India
 - B. Chinese Dynasties after the Han
 - C. Mongol Expansion and Central Asia
 - D. Japan, Korea, and Vietnam

- V. Europe and Global Networks
 - A. Medieval Europe
 - B. The Byzantine Empire
 - C. The Renaissance
 - D. Age of Exploration and Conquest
 - E. Africa and the Slave Trade
 - F. Southeast Asia and Global Trade