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**1. Course Number: HIS119**  
**Course Title: World History I**

**2. Description:** This survey course explores the economic, political, cultural, and social developments in world history from the rise of civilization to 1500 Current Era (CE) in Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania the Middle East and the Americas. The course highlights issues in geography, trade, religious and cultural movements, and social and political change that influenced the historical evolution of various world societies and their interrelationships within a global context.

**3. Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):**

Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:

- identify and describe key events and trends in World History from 3000 BCE to 1500 CE
- develop appreciation for diverse forms of culture and religion
- describe recurrent social problems such as race, class and gender inequality
- use maps to enhance their knowledge of world geography
- differentiate primary and secondary sources and the issue of bias in the construction of historical discourse
- analyze world history from different perspectives
- use oral and written communication skills to make coherent, evidence-based arguments and interpretations
- utilize critical thinking skills to relate world historical events of the past to current world affairs
- follow rules for civil discourse in course discussions that may involve conflicting points of view

**4. Credits:** 3 credits

**5. Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences

**6. Prerequisite:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores

**7. Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer

**8. Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades are based upon exams, written work, class interest and participation, and attendance.

**9. General Topical Outline (Optional):**

- The earliest civilizations of the Middle East, including Egypt and Mesopotamia
- The rise of civilization in China, from the Shang Dynasty to the Han Dynasty.
- The rise of civilization in India, from the Indus Valley civilization to the Mauryan Dynasty.
- The rise of civilization in Greece, from the Minoan-Mycenaean civilization to Classical Greek culture and the empire of Alexander the Great.
- The rise of civilization in Rome, from Indo-European origins to the Roman Republic, to the Roman Empire and the rise of Christianity.
- Byzantine civilization as the successor to Roman civilization, the spread of Christianity to northern and eastern Europe, and the Catholic-Orthodox split
- The rise of Islamic civilization in the Middle East and beyond to 1500 CE
- African Civilization from its Beginnings through 1500 CE
- The European Middle Ages
- The European Renaissance and Reformation
- European Colonialism in Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Caribbean