

Course Code: HIS 108 (IAI S2 912N)

Course Title: World History I

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 54.0101

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 4-0-4

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 4

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 4

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Examination of the economic, social, cultural and political history of global peoples and cultures from ancient times to 1500.

General Course Objectives

To analyze, discuss, and appreciate the origins and development of major social, political, economic, and intellectual institutions of global civilization from ancient times to 1500.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	None	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete reading assignments and write a minimum of 3000 words employing primary and secondary sources.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Worlds Together, Worlds Apart Volume 1, Concise 4E. Adelman et al. 9781324064312

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Early Civilizations	1. Analyze the characteristics that define civilization and explain why they arose in the Middle East and Africa.	6	0	0
Ancient India and China	1. Describe and evaluate early Indian and Chinese civilizations and culture.	8	0	0
Civilization of the Greeks	1. Discuss the significant contributions of ancient Greek culture, political ideas, and philosophy.	8	0	0
First World Civilizations	1. Identify Rome and China as the first world civilizations and recognize the significance of the Silk Road.	8	0	0
The Americas	1. Explain how civilizations arose in the Americas and how those civilizations interacted with other world cultures.	8	0	0
The Middle East: Rise of Islam	1. Describe how Islam arose in the Middle East and spread its influence and culture through the Mediterranean and the world.	8	0	0
Africa	1. Explain how early civilization arose in Africa and understand the development of African culture and kingdoms as well as their interaction with the wider world.	8	0	0
The Making of Europe	1. Discuss the development of Europe in the Middle Ages and its interaction with the Byzantine Empire and other cultures.	6	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
60	0	0