

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – Early World History

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Winter 2021	Instructor Name:	Shawn Barcroft
Course Title & #:	History 100: Early World History	Email:	shawn.barcroft@imperial.edu
CRN #:	15142	Units:	Three
Classroom:	Online—Always Accessible	Office Hours:	None
Class Dates:	Jan. 4 to Feb. 4, 2021	Office Phone:	760-355-6170

Course Description

Early World History is a broad survey of the diverse societies of Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Oceania from prehistory through the 1400s. This course seeks to describe the emergence and development of civilizations, societies, trade, religions and cultures, and to recognize the interconnections between different peoples and across time. This course is the first part in a two-semester survey of world history from prehistoric to present times. Because of the scope of this course, we will be unable to explore any one region or civilization in depth. Instead, we will attempt to look at the history of the world in order to understand the emergence of civilizations, societies, religions and cultures, and to recognize the connections between different peoples and across time. Though an understanding of “what happened when” is critical as a foundation, we will go beyond names and dates. Instead, we will look at the social bonds and conflicts created by culture, religion and trade. We will discuss the patterns of society and government that our ancestors developed in order to meet their desire for political and social stability. By the end of the course, students will understand the main trends in world history from its beginnings until early modern times.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- Identify and describe the chief political, social, economic and/or cultural characteristics of important ancient and pre-modern civilizations, cultures, and societies.
- Read, evaluate, and analyze primary and secondary historical sources and display an understanding of these sources competently and persuasively in a written and/or oral report, on topics relevant to early world history.
- Display an understanding of world geography relevant to early world history and successfully explain how the physical and natural environment has both affected and been affected by human societies.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Describe the political, social, economic, cultural, and religious characteristics of the major societies, civilizations, states and cultures of the world from prehistory to around 1500 CE.
- Describe the patterns of trade and cross-cultural interaction during different eras in world history.

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- Explain the origins, basic belief structures, and patterns of expansion of the major world religions before 1500 CE.
- Describe the key scientific and technological developments of ancient and pre-modern world history, and analyze and explain how these scientific and technological innovations diffused throughout different human societies and changed and influenced cultures and civilizations.
- Analyze and describe cultural practices and expressions, such as art, literature, religion and music, as well as patterns of family life and gender relations of ancient and pre-modern societies.
- Exhibit a basic knowledge of world geography and explain how the physical and natural environment has influenced patterns of settlement, the emergence of different types of societies and cultures, and how human use of the environment has contributed to both the success and collapse of civilizations.
- Exhibit awareness of how different people in different times and places have viewed themselves, viewed others, and viewed the world around them.
- Demonstrate an understanding of civilization through multiple analytical categories such as race, class, gender, and ethnicity.
- Demonstrate the ability to read, understand, and interpret primary and secondary historical sources, and to compose an argument, either in a written or oral report, which uses these sources, as appropriate, for support.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

- Sivers, Von, *Patterns of World History. Volume 1.* 3rd edition, 2017. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780190697310
- Van Gulik, Robert, *Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee: An Authentic Eighteenth-Century Chinese Detective Novel.* Dover Publishing. ISBN: 9780486233376
- There will also be required additional readings and resources posted in Canvas:
<https://imperial.instructure.com/login/canvas>

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

The quantity of assignments and the listed point values are subject to change. Changes will appear on Canvas. Extra credit may or may not be offered. Extra credit assignments will not be given on an individual basis. Here is a look at the course assignments and grading scale:

Course Assignments	Quantity and Value	Grading Scale
Art Responses	2 for 80 points	A: 100 – 90.0%
Discussion Boards and Short Papers	9 for 200 points (Lowest score is dropped)	B: 89.9 – 80.0%
Exams	2 for 300 points	C: 79.9 – 70.0%
Reading Quizzes	2 for 105 points	D: 69.9 – 60.0%
Student Introduction	1 for 15 points	F: 59.9 – 0%

Please do not email me at the end of the semester asking me to round your grade up or to do any extra credit.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Instructional Methods: This course will not meet at a specific time or place. You will not be required to meet with me on Zoom or any other platform besides Canvas. This course will include two to four lectures a week. Lectures may be in written or video form, and will often include information not covered in your readings. Students may also be required to read, and watch material posted on Canvas. Reading is expected to be completed during that of the assigned week. All

writing assignments must be submitted on Canvas. Do not email your assignments unless I have given you prior approval. **All assignments must be submitted in a PDF or Word.doc format. Do NOT submit assignments in other formats.** This class moves quickly so it will be important for you to check Canvas for all due dates.

Art Responses: You will have two art responses. In short, you will listen or read the transcripts of a collection of history podcasts posted on Canvas discussing the significance of various historical artifacts from around the globe. I will post an assignment prompt for each assignment.

Discussion Boards (DBs): Modules will typically consist of one or two discussion board assignments. Each DB will be worth a total of 25 points. I will provide the class with question(s) based on presented material from that week.

- **How do I score 25 points each week?**

You must answer the presented question(s) each week. DB responses should be well thought out and include specific details and examples which demonstrate your understanding of the course material. For each DB you must twice quote the presented material. Quotes must be cited using Chicago Style at the bottom of your post. You can find a guide to citing Chicago Style on Canvas. **Outside material is not allowed and may result in a zero on the assignment.** Unless noted differently on Canvas, DB responses will have a minimum word count and must be posted by 11:59 pm on Thursday of the assigned week. Failure to meet the minimum word count or to cite using Chicago Style will result in a point deduction.

- **DB peer responses**

The DBs are used to facilitate group discussions and the sharing of ideas related to the class content. You must also respond to two of your classmates' posts. Unless noted differently on Canvas, your peer responses must be posted by 11:59 pm on Sunday. Peer responses are worth up to four points. These responses must be thorough and well thought out. "Nice," and "I completely agree," are not proper responses. Feel free to respond to as many of your peers as you would like as this will help to facilitate a good discussion. Just remember, two peer responses are the minimum to receive the maximum of 25 points for your DB work. **Note:** You may not post all of your responses on the same day. You should revisit the DBs throughout the week. Failure to post on multiple days will result in a point deduction.

- **Other DB details**

I will not open early or reopen a DB for a single student. **Post all your responses into the DB textbox, do not upload a file.** You must post your response before viewing or responding to your classmates. If the DB is still open on Canvas you can submit your response. In general, it is better to submit a late DB than not submit one at all. **Posting an empty or edited post will result in a zero, so please be careful.** This is a zero-tolerance policy. Please remember to be respectful to your peers. Disrespectful or inappropriate comments will result in a zero on the assignment and potential removal from the course.

Exams: There will be at least two exams. Exams will cover the assigned readings, my lectures, material posted on Canvas, and everything we discuss or watch up to that point in class. The final exam will not be cumulative. I will not allow a make-up examination except in instances in which a student has a documented medical emergency. Exams may consist of an essay, short identification, multiple choice, and/or matching questions. I will post a study guide for the exam on Canvas to review.

Reading Quizzes: There will be two reading quizzes given on the dates indicated on Canvas. The reading quizzes are intended to give me a sense of whether or not you are critically thinking about the reading material. The first reading quiz will cover writings on early Christianity. The second reading quiz will cover *Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee: An Authentic Eighteenth-Century Chinese Detective Novel*. Each quiz will each be worth at least 50 points. You can find the

writings on Early Christian writers on Canvas. You will need to acquire a copy of the *Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee: An Authentic Eighteenth-Century Chinese Detective Novel*. **Note:** I have placed a copy on reserve at the IVC library.

Short Papers: Over the course of the semester you will be assigned short response papers. These papers will analyze historical films and/or primary source documents. Material and assignment prompts will be posted in your weekly module. Each submission will be worth 25 points. You will not be allowed to submit your response once the assignment has closed on Canvas.

Each submission must have your name, the date, the name of the course, and the word count single-spaced in the top right-hand corner. The title of the document should be 12-point Times-New Roman centered type and include the title of the documents being analyzed. Body text must be 12-point Times New Roman, lines must be double-spaced, and the document must have one-inch margins. You must use two short direct quotes in each response. Please see the Chicago Citation Guide on Canvas. Failure to cite your information may lead to a zero grade. If your submission has a similarity/plagiarism score of 50% or higher you will receive zero credit—so, use your own thoughts and words. Answer each question separately, unless told otherwise. Do not include the given questions.

Student Introduction: You are required to write or film a short biography. Your submission must be posted by the end of the second day of class or you may be dropped from the course. This assignment will be worth 15 points.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

What if I need to borrow technology or access to WIFI?

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>
2. If you'd like access the WIFI at the IVC campus, you can park in parking lots "I & J". Students must log into the IVC student WIFI by using their IVC email and password. The parking lots will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines for using parking WIFI:

- Park in every other space (empty space BETWEEN vehicles)
 - Must have facemask available
 - For best reception park near buildings
 - Only park at marked student spaces
 - Only owners of a valid disabled placard may use disabled parking spaces
 - Only members of the same household in each vehicle
 - Occupants **MUST** remain in vehicles
 - Restrooms and other on-campus services not available
 - College campus safety will monitor the parking lot
 - Student code of conduct and all other parking guidelines are in effect
 - Please do not leave any trash behind
 - **No parking permit required**
- If you have any questions about using parking WIFI, please call Student Affairs at 760- 355-6455.

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Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar			
Date	Lecture Topic	Required Reading	Notes
Week 1 — January 4 - 10	Course Introduction	Ch. 1.	Due: Student Bio—Students must complete this assignment or they may be dropped from the course.
	Overview of human evolution and global migration		
	Agricultural Revolution	Ch. 2.	
	Ancient Iraq and Egypt		
Week 2 — January 11 - 17	Ancient India	Ch. 3.	
	Buddhism and Hinduism	Ch. 8.	
	Birth of Chinese Civilization	Ch. 4.	
	The Americas and Oceania	Ch. 5.	
	Exam 1 opens on Friday. Will close at 11:59 p.m. on 1/19.		
Week 3 — January 18 - 24	Early Africa and the Americas	Ch. 6.	
	Ancient Greece and Persia	Ch. 7.	Reading Quiz 1 on early Christianity opens on Thursday. Will close at 11:59 p.m. on 1/24.
	Roman Republic and Empire Periods		
Week 4 — January 25 - 31	Chinese Philosophy	Ch. 9.	
	Qin and Han Dynasties		
	Emergence and Spread of Islam	Ch. 10 and 14.	
	Western Europe after the Romans	Ch. 11.	Reading Quiz 2 on Judge Dee and Confucianism opens on Friday. Will close at 11:59 p.m. on 2/2.
Week 5 — February 1 - 4	Golden Age of China	Ch. 12.	
	Neolithic Korea through Joseon Period	Ch. 13.	
	Exam 2 opens on 2/3. Will close at 11:59 p.m. on 2/5.		

Note: Changes to the course will be posted on Canvas. It is important for you to check the course “Home Page” and “Announcements” on a regular basis so that you don’t miss any information.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class **or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class may be dropped** by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

What does it mean to "attend" an online class?

Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:

- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam
- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference
- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction via modules
- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor
- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters
- An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.

Logging onto Canvas alone is **NOT** adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.

Classroom Etiquette

- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

How do I access services now that we are mostly online?

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **[Learning Services](#).** In order to accommodate students and maximize student success during the COVID-19 Pandemic, all tutoring support is being provided through one Zoom link ([IVC online Tutoring](#)). When campus is open again, there are several learning labs to assist students. Whether you need support using computers, or you need a tutor, please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **[Library Services](#).** Visit the Spencer Library's page on the IVC website for a wealth of valuable resources and online access to databases, e-books and more. Contact us so we can help you with instructional and research development skills (for those conducting research and writing academic papers). When campus re-opens, students also have access to tutoring services in the Study Skills Center as well as private study rooms for small study groups. There is more to our library than just books!
- **[Career Services Center](#).** The Career Services Center is dedicated to serve all IVC students and Alumni. Services include Career Assessments, Resume and Cover Letter Assistance, Interview Preparation, Internship Opportunities

and Job Placement.

- [Child Development Center](#). The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Centers are on-campus demonstration lab programs that meet the educational, research, and service needs of the institution and community at large. The Preschool program (children three to five years of age) and the Infant/Toddler program (newborn to three years of age) is in buildings 2200 and 2300. Service is available to families who meet the California Department of Education qualifications for enrollment. The centers are open during COVID from Monday-Friday 7:15-5:30. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided through the California Adult and Child Food Program. Location: Buildings 2200 and 2300. Phone: (760) 355-6528 or (760) 355-6232. Application: <https://forms.imperial.edu/view.php?id=150958>

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations. **Note:** If you need assistance with accessing content in the course please contact me.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- [Student Health Center](#). A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- [Mental Health Counseling Services](#). Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this

population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

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