



# HST 100: Global History to 1500

## Overview

In this course, you'll learn to think like a historian using evidence from the past to ask and answer questions. You will make connections between our not-so-distant ancestors and humans today and you will learn about the development of society including how governments form, how religions played a role in our historical development, how and why we grow food, how ancient societies contacted each other, and how humans created cultures everywhere from the African kingdoms of Mali to the Hohokam of Arizona.

## What You'll Learn

- Describe the general historical narrative for the emergence of agriculture and complex human societies
- Explain how geography contributed to the interconnectedness of humans and the structure of their societies
- Share an empathetic understanding of the shared humanity common to us and to ancient peoples
- Explain how historians use different types of primary sources to make arguments about history
- Actively read a primary source text (or object) by posing questions and analyzing its contents and purpose
- Appreciate the complex and contested nature of the discipline of history and historical arguments

## How to Succeed

To be successful in this course, we recommend English language fluency and computer literacy. We also encourage you to make sure your laptop or desktop computer meets the [technical requirements](#).

## Earn College Credit

This course appears on your transcript identically to how it appears on the transcript of an enrolled ASU student.

This course satisfies 3 credit hours toward the Humanities, Arts and Design (HU), Historical Awareness (H), and Global Awareness (G) General Studies requirements at Arizona State University. It is strongly encouraged that you consult with your institution of choice to determine how these credits will be applied.

In order to receive academic credit for this course, you must earn a grade of "C" or better. You have one year to add the course to your transcript.

## Exams and Grading

**30%**

Quizzes

**30%**

Discussions

**40%**

Reflections

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## Materials

This course makes use of open educational resources (OERs) provided within the course, **no purchase necessary**.

## Graded Assignments

Graded assignments are required and count towards your final grade. Students must submit all assignments via the course site unless otherwise instructed.

**Quizzes (30%):** Each of the seven modules contains a quiz that covers material from all required readings and videos in the module. Quizzes are open note but are timed and single attempt. Questions are true/false and multiple choice.

**Open Discussion (30%):** Each module contains two class discussions that ask you to synthesize material presented in lectures or find new insights on your own and bring them to fellow learners in class. All discussions require an initial response and a comment or reply to one peer.

**Reflections (40%):** Historian's Log Reflections are activities that allow you to use primary resources and historical evidence to make theories about the past. In each historian's log you will do the work of a historian. They vary in format and length depending on the primary materials being used in the module.

## Course Communication

All communication will take place via the discussion forums and course announcement page. There will be a discussion forum where you can post general questions, comments, and direct inquiries for the instructor and course team. Please use these forums to ensure a timely response. Your instructor will not be able to respond to email.

## Additional Information

If you have questions about Universal Learner Courses and how they work, please visit [ea.asu.edu](http://ea.asu.edu) or contact our support team at [ulcourses@asu.edu](mailto:ulcourses@asu.edu).

## Instructor led Version

### Time Commitment

This is an asynchronous, online course. This means, while you will have deadlines, you do not need to be at your computer at specific times or participate in live activities.

To be successful in this class, you must view all course pages and complete all graded work by the deadlines indicated. Also, keep in mind that "attendance" in an online course means logging into the platform on a regular basis, checking for course announcements, and visiting and participating in the discussion forums.

This 3 credit, 8 week course requires about 135 hours of work. Therefore, expect to spend approximately 15-20 hours per week preparing for and engaging in this course.

### Assignment Deadlines

Your instructional team will provide all content and learning activities on or through your course site. It is your responsibility to review all content, fulfill all assignments on time, and ask any questions you have in the designated discussion area. It is also your responsibility to determine the due dates and times for all course assignments according to your time zone. Due to the large-scale format of Universal Learner Courses, late assignments will not be accepted at any point during the course, and we cannot make exceptions.

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## Self paced Version

### Time Commitment

The work in this course is equivalent to an eight week course but you have one year to complete it. Please plan your goals accordingly. During this year, you are encouraged to work through the course at a pace that suits your needs.

You have one year from the date you enrolled to complete the course, and you have one year from the date you complete the course to purchase your academic credit.

### Course Resets

Self paced courses cannot be reset. If you are not happy with your grade and want to take the course again, you have two options: you may take the course the next time it is offered in an instructor led format or wait until a new version of the self paced course opens at the beginning of every academic year on the first day of class in August.

### Transcript

You will be able to add the course to your transcript **six weeks after enrolling**. Although the course is self paced, course attendance dates will be listed on your transcript. After purchasing the credits, the course will appear on your transcript in the session you **completed** the course. If you are on the cusp of two sessions and need to confirm the date of completion or beginning/end of a session, please contact our support team at [ulcourses@asu.edu](mailto:ulcourses@asu.edu).