

HIST 1511 - World Civilization to 1500

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 30138,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

Daniel Ayana

Professional Qualifications:

Ph.D., African Environmental/ Intellectual History University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1995

M.A., History Addis Ababa University, 1984

B.A., History Addis Ababa University, 1980

Dr.

Email: dayana@ysu.edu

Office: DeBartolo 561

Office Phone: 330-941-1619

Additional Contact Methods:

Please Contact me by Email

Preferred Contact Method: Email

Communication Expectations:

I will respond to emails within 24 hours, and grade Module assignments/tests within 24-36 hours of submission

How to Refer to me:

Dr. Ayana

Course Description

1511. World Civilization to 1500. Origins and growth of the major civilizations of the world from earliest times to about 1500. Prereq.: ENGL 1550. 3 s.h. Through reading and assignments, students will identify the early major achievements of humankind on different parts of the globe. The course is organized both chronologically and regionally, starting with the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt and then traces other world civilizations in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas, and their influences upon each other until 1500.

The course counts as 3 hours of AH for General Education and may also be used toward fulfillment of the major and minor in History.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Worlds Apart and Worlds Together, vol. one Beginnings to the fifteenth century Concise 4th Edition	J. Edelman, E. Pollard, C. Rosenberg, and R. Tignor	

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Module Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
5/11	Surveying Module 1 Week of May 12-16 Centers of Civilizations	Uneven evolution of human history globally River Valley civilizations.	Due May 17 by 11:59 pm
5/18	May 18- May 23 Module 2	The Mediterranean world, Africa, Americas: Centers of civilization: Greek, Phoenicians, Israelites	Due May 24 by 11:59 pm



5/25	Module 3 & 4 May 25-31	Globalizing Empire, Han China & Imperial Rome Southwestern (Globalizing Empires)	Due May 31 by 11:59 pm
6/1	First Test on Modules 1 & 2 June 1- June 6 Module 3 & 4	Revision	Due June 7 by 11:59 pm
6/8	Module 4	India, The Middle East, Eurasia, Islam, China under the Tang and Ming Dynasties Mongols	Due June 14 by 11:59 pm
6/15	Module 5	European Christendom: From Worlds Apart to a Connected World	Due June 21 by 11:59 pm
6/22	Final Exam	Revision	Due June 28 by 11:59 pm

The course schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, by mutual agreement, and/or to ensure better learning.