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HISTORICAL AWARENESS [H]

Rationale and Objectives

Recent trends in higher education have called for the creation and development of historical consciousness in undergraduates now and in the future. History studies the growth and development of human society from a number of perspectives such as—political, social, economic and/or cultural. From one perspective, historical awareness is a valuable aid in the analysis of present-day problems because historical forces and traditions have created modern life and lie just beneath its surface. From a second perspective, the historical past is an indispensable source of identity and of values, which facilitate social harmony and cooperative effort. Along with this observation, it should be noted that historical study can produce intercultural understanding by tracing cultural differences to their origins in the past. A third perspective on the need for historical awareness is that knowledge of history helps us to learn from the past to make better, more well-informed decisions in the present and the future.

The requirement of a course that is historical in method and content presumes that "history" designates a sequence of past events or a narrative whose intent or effect is to represent both the relationship between events and change over time. The requirement also presumes that these are human events and that history includes all that has been felt, thought, imagined, said, and done by human beings. The opportunities for nurturing historical consciousness are nearly unlimited. History is present in the languages, art, music, literatures, philosophy, religion, and the natural sciences, as well as in the social science traditionally called History.

The justifications for how the course fits each of the criteria need to be clear both in the application tables and the course materials. The Historical Awareness designation requires consistent analysis of the broader historical context of past events and persons, of cause and effect, and of change over time. Providing intermittent, anecdotal historical context of people and events usually will not suffice to meet the Historical Awareness criteria. A Historical Awareness course will instead embed systematic historical analysis in the core of the syllabus, including readings and assignments. For courses focusing on the history of a field of study, the applicant needs to show both how the field of study is affected by political, social, economic, and/or cultural conditions AND how political, social, economic, and/or cultural conditions are affected by the field of study.

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ASU[H] CRITERIA					
THE	THE HISTORICAL AWARENESS [H] COURSE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:				
YES	NO		Identify Documentation Submitted		
		1. History is a major focus of the course.	Syllabus		
		2. The course examines and explains human development as a sequence of events influenced by a variety of factors.	Syllabus		
		3. There is a disciplined systematic examination of human institutions as they change over time.	Syllabus		
		4. The course examines the relationship among events, ideas, and artifacts and the broad social, political and economic context.	Syllabus		
		THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:			
		Courses that are merely organized chronologically.			
		Courses which are exclusively the history of a field of study or of a field of artistic or professional endeavor.			
		• Courses whose subject areas merely occurred in the past.			

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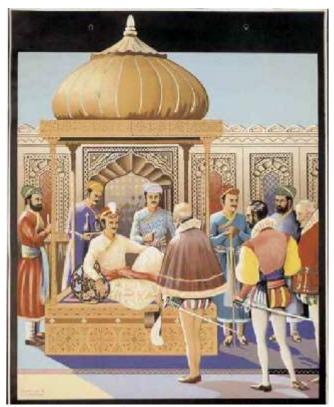
Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

Criteria (from checksheet)	How course meets spirit (contextualize specific examples in next column)	Please provide detailed evidence of how course meets criteria (i.e., where in syllabus)
History is a major focus of the course	The course compares the historical evolution of empires around the world since 1500	The introduction to the course discusses the historical methodologies used and questions raised. All modules except the first and last include readings from historians and historical sources. The course involves analysis of primary and secondary sources.
The course examines and explains human development as a sequence of events influnced by a variety of factors	The course follows a roughly chronological course. While it moves around geographically it examines the global connections between different empires (European and non-European). In the course students read primary sources from a variety of perspectives and explanatory frameworks.	The course starts with examples from the sixteenth century and moves through to the twenty-first. It is mostly linear, although it also moves around in time because each week is thematic, covering a different location that was important and/or representative at the time in the evolution of imperial structures (pages 7-10 of the syllabus show the themes and readings). For example, in weeks 6, 7, and 8 students explore the sequence of events that lead to the creation, dissolution and, in a couple of cases, continuation of Britain's Atlantic colonies. The legacy of this is then also explored in week 15.
There is a disciplined systematic examination of human institutions as they change over time	In comparing the evolution of different empires the course also examines the connections between them systematically. The comparison of the development (politically, socially, and culturally) of imperial systems is central to the course.	The course includes several specific points where we examine connections between institutions across time. It follows the evolution of the British Empire in weeks 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 15. It looks at connections between the Mughal, Portuguese, Dutch, and British empires in the Indian Ocean in weeks 2, 6 and 7. In week 13 it considers the relationships between the British and incipient New Zealand empires (pages 7-10 of the syllabus describe each week's themes and readings).
The course examines the relationship among events, ideas and artifacts and the broad social, political and economic	The course looks at the history of empires at multiple scales, using sources about individuals, local communities, states, and larger trans-national organizations. It examines the connections between them and uses these connections to study the larger contexts	One example of this in the syllabus is the module on French Indochina/Vietnam (page 9). In this module students read detailed accounts of the experiences of indivuduals in Hanoi caught up in imperial public health stuctures, and connect these to the wider economic and political imperatives and priorities of the French Empire. This pattern of individual experience being connected to wider systems is present throughout the

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context.	course. (See discussion on "systems and stories" on page 2 of the syllabus).

History 302. Comparative Imperialism 1500-present: Living in an Imperial World



Donald Cameron, "Akbar receives an Emissary sent by Queen Elizabeth I", early twentieth-century

Tuesday, Thursday, 1:30-2:45pm, PABLO 101

Assistant Professor Toby Harper Coor 4490 tobias.harper@asu.edu Open office hours: after class Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by appointment

Introduction:

From the early modern period through to the mid-twentieth century the dominant political structure in a globalizing world was not the nation-state but the empire. This course examines and compares early modern and modern empires through the histories of the cities that were central to imperial networks, including Tangiers, Calcutta, Hanoi and Newport. We will examine the relationship between empires and the movement of people, commodities and ideas around the world, from capitals to pirate towns. These empires had significant, tangible impact on the daily lives of people

all around the world. They shaped and changed cultural norms around gender roles, religion, class, race and sexuality.

"Systems" and "Stories"

This course will follow the creation, growth and decline of modern empires starting in the fifteenth century, moving through chronologically to the present. Each week we will look at the making of modern empires in two ways: in the first class of the week we will start with a large-scale examination of some of the big *systems* – economic, social, political, environmental and military – that shaped the maintenance and creation of imperial structures. In the second class each week we will study the cultures meeting in the city made sense of one another's differences through close analysis of primary and secondary texts: through the *stories* of individuals caught up in these systems. These analyses will focus on two things: introducing the core assumptions and values of the cultures involved; and how these were changed by contact with other cultures.

Learning objectives:

- Understand how imperial, national and state structures changed in relation to each other with the expansion and contraction of empires in the modern world through lectures and secondary readings that examine the broad chronological and geographical scale.
- Analyze core theoretical concepts in world, social and urban history, including: colonialism, imperialism, social class, gender roles and globalization through reading and discussing primary and secondary sources.
- Compare how empires shaped these concepts across six continents, three oceans (and many seas) and five hundred years. In making these comparisons, we will debate the similarities and differences between imperial structures in class discussion and in written assignments.
- Think through power relationship between the rulers and ruled in historical empires through primary sources written by both groups.
- Read primary and secondary sources carefully in order to better understand the specific social and cultural contexts of past empires. The combination of regular reading assignments with both primary and secondary sources encourages students to practice deep reading skills.
- Develop research and writing skills through multiple written assignments.

Assessment:

20% Attendance and Participation 20% Weekly response papers 10% Mid-term test and map quiz 20% Essay 1 30% Essay 2

Grades:

97-100 A+ 94-96 A

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90-93 A-
87-89 B+
84-86 B
80-83 B-
77-79 C+
74-76 C
70-73 C-
65-69 D+
60-64 D
0-59 F
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The completion of both essays is required to pass the course. A personal reflection must be turned in with the second paper.

Participation Guidelines:

"A" Contributor

- Contributions in class reflect excellent preparation as evidenced by frequent authoritative use of textual evidence.
- Contributions in class almost always reflect substantive thought (i.e., perceptive, original, and/or synthetic) about the material/topics and help provide direction for the class.
- Contributions often facilitate group interaction/learning via additions (e.g., examples, arguments), questions, process comments.

If this person were not a member of the class, the quality of discussion would be diminished markedly.

"B" Contributor

- Contributions in class reflect sound preparation as evidenced by competent reference to textual evidence.
- Contributions in class often reflect substantive thought (i.e., perceptive, original, and/or synthetic) about the material/topics and help provide direction for the class.
- Contributions sometimes facilitate group interaction/learning via additions (e.g., examples, arguments), questions, process comments.

If this person were not a member of the class, the quality of discussion would be diminished.

"C" Contributor

- Contributions in class reflect preparation as evidenced by some acquaintance with textual evidence.
- Contributions in class sometimes reflect substantive thought (i.e., perceptive, original, and/or synthetic) about the material/topics and provide direction for the class.
- Contributions occasionally facilitate group interaction/learning via additions (e.g., examples, arguments), questions, process comments.

If this person were not a member of the class, the quality of discussion would be diminished a little.

"D-F" Present but not really contributing

• Contributions in class reflect inadequate preparation: they seldom evidence familiarity with textual evidence.

- Contributions in class seldom reflect substantive thought (i.e., perceptive, original, and/or synthetic) about the material/topics and provide direction for the class.
- Contributions seldom facilitate group interaction/learning via additions (e.g., examples, arguments), questions, process comments.

If this person were not a member of the class, the quality of discussion would be improved.

Essay Grade Guidelines:

A: Excellent

Style: Written with flair, creativity and clarity. Varied but coherent sentence structure. Polished grammar and spelling.

Structure: Builds naturally towards a conclusion. Clear and fluid linkages between paragraphs. Ideas flow naturally from sentence to sentence and paragraph to paragraph.

Argument: Not only answers the essay question clearly but also does something interesting with it. Explores the source material deeply and creatively.

B: Good

Style: Good grammar and spelling. Clear and comprehensible sentence structure. Some attempts at variation and creativity.

Structure: Essay develops in a discernible, logical way using some transitions between ideas. Argument: Clearly addresses and answers the essay question. Discernible and relevant thesis statement.

C: Poor

Style: Grammar and spelling errors get in the way of reading the essay. Unclear sentence structure. Little evidence of proof-reading.

Structure: Ideas presented in illogical or opaque order, thus distracting reader from the development of the argument.

Argument: Argument is unclear, inconsistent or difficult to make out. Approaches but does not directly address essay question.

Essays that do not attempt to answer the question (including those that do not use sources that the question asks you to use) will receive a D or lower.

Cite all sources. All papers should be double-spaced, 12-point font, and all references (quotations and sources) must be consistently cited using footnotes. Please use *Mary Rampolla's Pocket Guide to Writing in History* for style and referencing guidelines. Essays that fail to cite sources or that cite sources incorrectly will lose grades.

All assignments are due electronically through Sakai. They will be run through turnitin. Papers will be returned by email.

Late Assignments:

Written assignments will be penalized one grade (eg. A- to B+) for each day that they are late. Computer problems are not an acceptable excuse for lateness except in cases where you can clearly

document that a major issue with both your computer and your backup system prevented you from completing your work. You must backup your work. There are many free backup systems available.

It is your responsibility to make sure that you successfully submitted your work to Canvas. Make sure that you receive confirmation that you submitted your assignments. If you do not, try again. The easiest way to make sure your file is readable is to convert it into a .pdf.

Please do not submit assignments in the default Apple 'Pages' format, as this is not compatible with all systems. Submit assignments in .doc or .rtf format. If you have questions or problems with getting your work in an appropriate format or finding a functional backup system please let me know and I will advise on how to ensure the security and readability of your work.

Academic Honesty:

Do not attempt to:

- pass off others' work as your own (plagiarism)
- submit the same work for more than one course
- misrepresent your health or personal situation in order to receive an extension
- forge any signatures on documents related to your academic life

If I detect any form of academic dishonesty you will immediately fail the assignment and I will pursue it with the college – there will be no leniency on this issue. Plagiarism includes quoting from any source without citation, as well as using parts or the whole of others' essays. Directly rephrasing a sentence from a source without citation or replacing individual words in an attempt to avoid detection are also both unacceptable practices. If caught, these will be considered plagiarism.

The best way to avoid plagiarism is to clearly cite sources and distinguish between your own and others' work through consistent and comprehensible references and punctuation. If in doubt, cite your source. Every sentence in the text that is not clearly cited should be your own composition, developed by thinking through the ideas that you want to communicate, not rephrasing others' work.

Course Policies:

Copyright:

Materials used in connection with this course may be protected by Copyright Law. Students may not share class materials without the express permission of the instructor. For more information, including Fair Use guidelines, please see the College's Copyright Policy and Guidelines at http://www.providence.edu/library/research/Documents/Copyright Compliance Policy dec2008.pdf

Electronics and classroom behavior:

You may use laptops and tablets for the class readings, but it is strongly recommended that you take notes using pen and paper. Focus on the discussion, and take notes with pen and paper – you will

retain the information better that way because you will be thinking about it.

During class time I expect all students to be attentive to the discussion, especially to what your peers are saying. Anyone who is caught doing something that isn't related to the class on a computer or mobile phone during class time will have grades deducted from participation. Show respect to your fellow students and to their opinions.

Disclaimer:

Syllabus and calendar may change over the course of the semester at my discretion. Any changes to the readings or other aspects of the schedule will be sent out by email.

Class Schedule and Readings:

Required Texts:

Bonnie Smith, Modern Empires: A Sourcebook

Week 1: The Legacy of Rome: Etymology, origins and key concepts

Day 1: introductory class

Week 2: Delhi

Day 1

Omar H. Ali, *Islam in the Indian Ocean World*, Chapter 6, "Pluralism, Syncretism and Religion", 124-138.

Day 2

Ainslie T. Embree, ed., Sources of Indian Tradition, chapter 14, "The Muslim Ruler in India".

Week 3: Genoa

Day 1

J.H. Elliott, Empires of the Atlantic World, chapter 2.

Day 2

Smith, *Modern Empires*, chapter 2, documents 1-4.

Week 4: Tangiers

Day 1

Alison Games, *Web of Empire*, chapter 3. Linda Colley, *Captives*, chapter 1.

Day 2

Smith, Modern Empires, chapter 1, documents 4-11; chapter 3, documents 1, 5-6.

Week 5: Port Royal

Day 1

Sidney Mintz, Sweetness and Power, chapter 2.

Day 2

Gregory O'Malley, "Beyond the Middle Passage: Slave Migration to North America, 1619-1807", William and Mary Quarterly, 66, 1 (January 2009): 125-172. Smith, *Modern Empires*, chapter 3, documents 2-3.

Week 6: Melaka

Day 1

S. Arasaratnam, "Some Notes on the Dutch in Malacca and the Indo-Malaccan Trade", *Journal of Southeast Asian History*, 10, 3 (December 1969): 480-490.

Day 2

Smith, Modern Empires, chapter 2, documents 11-12.

Paper one due end of Week 6

Week 7: Rebellion and Resistance

Day 1

P.J. Marshall, *The Making and Unmaking of Empires: Britain, India and America c.1750-1783*, chapter 11.

Day 2

Smith, Modern Empires, chapter 4, entire.

Week 8: Manchester and Calcutta

Day 1

Smith, Modern Empires, chapter 5, entire.

Day 2

P.J. Marshall, "The White Town of Calcutta under the Rule of the East India Company", *Modern Asian Studies*, 34, 2, (2000): 307-331.

Fall Break 12-15 October

Week 9: Mid-term discussion and catch-up

Day 1 – No class (fall break)

Day 2 – Mid-term review/catch up day

Week 10: Cairo

Day 1

Napoleon in Egypt: Al-Jabarti's Chronicle of the French Occupation, 1798, selections.

Day 2

Napoleon in Egypt: Al-Jabarti's Chronicle of the French Occupation, 1798, selections.

Week 11: The "Big Push"

Day 1

Smith, Modern Empires, chapter 7, introduction and all readings, 214-240.

Day 2

Mark Twain, "To the Person Sitting in Darkness", 1901. https://archive.org/details/jstor-25105120

Week 12: Hanoi

Day 1

Alexander Woodside, "The Development of Social Organizations in Vietnamese Cities in the Late Colonial Period", *Pacific Affairs* (44, 1, 1971), 39-64.

Day 2

Vu Trong Phung, Luc Xi: Prostitution and Venereal Disease in Colonial Hanoi, selections.

Week 13: Apia

Day 1

Susan Pedersen, *The Guardians*, introduction and chapter 1. "League of Nations Mandate for German Samoa", 1920.

Week 14: Berlin

Day 1

Paul B. Jaskot, 'Anti-Semitic Policy in Albert Speer's Plans for the Rebuilding of Berlin', *Art Bulletin*, 78, 4 (1996): 622-32.

Day 2

GDI-DC documents

Week 15: London – the place to be?

Day 1

Stuart Hall, "Negotiating Caribbean Identities" (online).

Thanksgiving Holiday, no class

Paper two due end of week 15

Week 16: Pitcairn

Day 1

"Trouble in Paradise", Vanity Fair, 2007.

Day 2 – final class, review session

Instructions for the two major assignments:

First Major Paper: Fictional Narrative and Analysis

Choose one of the following:

- A Caribbean native shipped to Spain in 1493 by Columbus or another early Spanish explorer/colonizer.
- A Hindu civil servant in the court of Akbar in 1575 when Akbar starts the Ibadat Khana.
- An Irish soldier in the English garrison at Tangier during its evacuation in 1683.
- A recently-enslaved teenage woman from Angola who has just arrived in Port Royal, Jamaica in 1692.

Write a short (about 500 word) fictional but plausible narrative as if you were that person experiencing that event. What would you think is unusual? What would you think about the people you encounter? What do you think about the big events that are happening around you?

Then write a 800-1000-word analysis of the fictional narrative as if you were a modern historian looking back at this source. Look at the introductions by Embree in the *Sources of Indian Tradition* readings and the little introductions in Bonnie Smith. These analyses should follow normal academic citation practice and should include 3-4 secondary sources: write them as you would write a history essay, using the advice in Mary Rampolla's *Pocket Guide to Writing History* (available through the library), if in doubt about style. Use these secondary sources to provide context for your fictional narrative and to make some kind of argument about the "text".

It might help to do your secondary research first – that way you can set up the fictional component of your paper with information and context from your secondary readings. You can use readings we have looked at in class, but you should also find some external ones.

Use at least three academic (that is, book or scholarly journal article) sources. Databases like JSTOR or Academic Search Complete can help you locate useful secondary sources. Reference sources (like encyclopedias) and most webpages are not particularly useful for the level of context and discussion. If in doubt let me know and I can advise.

Primary versus Secondary Sources

Primary sources are the raw materials of historical research - they are the documents or artifacts closest to the topic of investigation. Often they are created during the time period which is being studied (correspondence, diaries, newspapers, government documents, art) but they can also be produced later by eyewitnesses or participants (memoirs, oral histories). You may find primary sources in their original format (usually in an archive) or reproduced in a variety of ways: books, microfilm, digital, etc.

Secondary sources are interpretations of events written after an examination of primary sources and usually other secondary sources, such as books and journal articles.

Source: Georgia State University Library Research Guides

Not that a primary source for one thing might be a secondary source for another. A history of medieval England written in 1850 could be a secondary source if you want to write about the medieval period, but you could also use it as a primary source for writing about the 1800s. If you were to do this, you would treat what it says and how it says it differently.

For more information about history writing, see Mary Rampolla's Pocket Guide to Writing History (eighth edition). This has a lot more advice for writing good history papers. The library has a couple of copies available, as does the bookstore.

Second Major Paper: Primary Source Analysis

2500 words (including citations and bibliography). Due November 25 at midnight

Locate a primary source related to imperial expansion or decline somewhere in the world from between 1450 to 2000. The purpose of this paper is to analyze that source in relation to a broader theme or themes around comparative empires that we have looked at this semester. You should analyze the source, discuss its meaning to the empire/empires it relates to, and make a connection to at least one other empire from the same or a different time period.

In developing your topic you will need to decide on what research questions will best enable you to say something interesting about the source, but below are some ideas to think about:

- In what ways did imperial power shape contact between different cultures?
- How did the empires/representatives of empire deal with religious difference?
- Would the elites and the ordinary people have seen the meaning and effects of empire differently?
- How did the "civilizing mission" shape how the agents of empire treated other cultures?
- Did the empire or agents of the empire prefer appropriating other cultures' political forms and techniques or trying to impose their own ideas on that culture?
- How did rule over another culture affect the "metropolitan" center of the empire?
- What kind of power did culture exercise in empires?

In weeks 11 to 13 I would like to meet with all of you to discuss potential topics. Come prepared with a specific research question and ideas about sources that you plan to find and use.

Guidelines:

Style and citations:

Imagine the reader is an intelligent non-expert to whom you are explaining your research. Give enough context that they will be able to understand the details of your sources. It might help to introduce key figures, places and terms when they first crop up, or else in a first paragraph following your introduction.

To answer this question successfully you will need to describe at least some aspects of the cultures concerned. As you search for sources, make sure you have enough material to describe and analyze the cultures concerned clearly and fairly.

Use direct, simple sentences when making your key points, such as your thesis statement and in topic sentences at the beginning of paragraphs. Avoid unnecessary adjectives and adverbs. Make sure all your verbs express the precise meaning you want to get across to the reader.

Cite all sources. If you are in doubt about whether or not to cite something, just cite it.

For this paper, please use footnotes based on the Chicago manual of style, 16th edition (see here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html (Links to an external site.)). The latest edition of Mary Rampolla's *Pocket Guide to Writing History* will also help you format your citations and plan the paper.

Use at least one primary source and five secondary sources.

Structure:

Write a clear introduction and conclusion. The introduction should introduce the problem/question that you will be addressing. The conclusion should resolve or offer some kind of commentary on this overarching problem/question.

Make sure that the body paragraphs of your paper have clear topic sentences that indicate what the rest of the paragraph will do. You may want to organize your paragraphs by text, addressing each of your sources in turn, or by theme, making a constant comparison between them.

Research

The ASU library history research guide contains various resources that can help with finding both primary (for example, newspaper databases and things like Empire Online and Nineteenth-century Collections Online) and secondary sources (JSTOR, etc.).

https://libguides.asu.edu/c.php?g=263733&p=1761808

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