

DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CIVILIZATIONS

ANT 3141 (3 credits), Summer A 2020

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA – ONLINE



Rattlesnake Disk dating to the Mississippian Period (A.D. 900-A.D. 1550). From Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, Alabama. <https://www.ua.edu/news/2005/12/mighty-mysterious-moundville/>

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

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NOTE ON CHALLENGES RELATED TO COVID-19: If at any point during the semester you are facing hardship, please contact the instructor and/or TA's. We know this is a difficult time and will do our best to make accommodations and help you complete the course successfully.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a course focusing on major world civilizations, stopping off at various points across the globe over a broad range of time. From the earliest examples to today, we will analyze specific instances of change and transformation as societies of the past begin to look more

similar to our own. This course takes a critical look at the origin and development of civilizations, how they are portrayed and compared in Western scholarship and the influences that affected their trajectories—and eventually their collapse. It takes the basic approach of anthropological archaeology, but also includes Western and Indigenous histories, and cultural studies, as well as other social and ecological sciences. The main focus will be on cases of pre-colonial era (pre-AD 1500) civilizations around the world centering on change, sustainability, and social inequality. This course also considers more recent developments including the effects of colonialism, disease, the Industrial Revolution, and twentieth century globalization. By taking this course you will gain knowledge and skills critical to understanding the processes and debates surrounding what has been termed civilization. This includes the domestication of plants and animals, the origins and consequences of agriculture, the influence of religion and technology, and key aspects of village and urban life and state formation. This level of critical thinking will help you to better comprehend our world today and civilization's progression into the future.

COURSE WEBSITE: <https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/336642>

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS: We have several avenues for communication in this course. First, there is a general Course Questions Discussion Board where you are encouraged to ask general questions about the course and questions about how to upload assignments. There is also a Discussion Board for the Syllabus, and one for the Presentation Project. Private questions should be emailed directly to the instructor or TA, or through e-Learning.

You can expect a prompt reply during office hours, except during holidays. Please allow 48 hours for replies not posted during office hours.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: Scarre, Christopher, and Brian M. Fagan 2016 Ancient Civilizations. 4th Edition. New York: Routledge, 3rd Edition is acceptable, too. (Just note that page numbers might differ.)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

American Anthropological Association <http://www.americananthro.org/>

Society for American Archaeology <http://www.saa.org/>

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES IN ANTHROPOLOGY: Anthropology's principal objective is to discover, describe, and understand the diversity of the human experience—the commonalities and the differences. This course asks you to contrast and compare the development of several civilizations from across the globe in various times and places. You will build skills that enable you to think like an anthropologist!

COURSE GOALS & OBJECTIVES: The goal of ANT 3141: Development of World Civilization is to understand how and why complex civilizations, like our own, developed in different times and places all over the world and to appreciate their different histories and how they led to the world we live in today! During this course students will:

1. Identify the salient characteristics of a variety of past civilizations from around the world.
2. Explore the history, theory and methodologies used to understand civilizations and their history from a broadly anthropological perspective, including humanist, scientific, and critical approaches.
3. Discuss key elements, biases, and influences that shape thought about civilizations through time and space.
4. Analyze the influences of environment, domestication, religion, warfare, and landscape on the development of civilizations, and explain the impacts on those civilizations.
5. Approach issues and problems from multiple perspectives, including linkages between past and present and how past events and circumstances affect our world today.
6. Communicate knowledge, thoughts, and reasoning clearly and effectively in forms appropriate to the discipline of anthropology.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS: To facilitate self-motivated distance learning, this course is arranged in six (6) units with each week of the semester containing 2 to 4 modules; pace yourself according to deadlines within each week. All work for each unit must be completed during the given window for that week.

Deadlines are detailed in the following course schedule. All times and due dates for this course fall under the Eastern Time zone (ET). Unless noted otherwise, modules open at 8:00 am EST on Saturdays and close at 11:59pm EST each week on Friday. Course assessments consist of weekly quizzes, short writing assignments, weekly discussion board posts and responses, and one final project.

All assignments will be further detailed below. Comprehension of the syllabus and class policies is essential. An online syllabus/course policies quiz must be taken before beginning the course. The quiz must be re-taken until you have achieved 100%. You will have several opportunities to retake the syllabus quiz (all other quizzes will only be given once).

COURSE POLICES:

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Although this is an online course, students are expected to view all links posted on the course website (e.g., lecture videos, short assignment videos) and all reading assignments (from the assigned text book and supplied articles) and are responsible for all material covered therein. Attention to these materials is essential for success in this course, as materials for quizzes, activities, and discussion topics may be drawn from any of them. Prompt involvement in

discussion boards or any other group activity is expected as well. Participation follows strict guidelines detailed in assignment directions.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

DISCUSSION BOARD POLICY: Discussion Board participation consists of 20% of your final grade. You will be randomly organized into discussion groups to facilitate ease of participation, thus the discussion will not be course wide. There are two parts to participating in the discussion boards each week. You are required to write an initial discussion board post based on the instructions for that particular module discussion. You then must reply to at least one of your classmate's posts (you are more than welcome to reply to more!). All posts and replies must be original material; plagiarism will not be tolerated. Initial discussion posts are due by 11:59pm ET on Wednesdays each week. And discussion replies are due by 11:59pm ET on Fridays each week. There will be a total of 6 graded discussion boards. Both posts and replies must be at least 150 words in length (200 words maximum). Please be succinct and always respectful. You will receive zero (0) points if any content from another student or the internet is copied. The rubric for discussion boards is posted in e-Learning.

QUIZ POLICY: Quizzes also comprise 25% of your final grade. Students will be expected to complete all quizzes by the due date provided in the course schedule by 11:59pm ET on Fridays (with the exception of Week 6 see schedule). If an approved excused absence is not provided, students should expect to receive a zero (0) for the quiz. If you have a question about a quiz prior to the due date, please use the Course Question discussion board link, or communicate with the instructor or TA no less than 72 hours before the deadline.

When quizzes are made available, you may begin them at any time, but you will need to complete them within one hour (1 hour). Please allow enough time to take the quiz in one sitting, as you will not be able to stop and come back to it. Quizzes have 15 to 25 questions. (1 point/question). Quiz content will be mostly taken from the Scarre and Fagan textbook and additional readings unless otherwise noted. Lastly, note that for each quiz we are looking for the best possible answer and reading the text and assigned readings is the BEST way to succeed on the quizzes.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Short written assignments consist of 25% of your final grade. Unless noted otherwise, writing assignments close at 11:59 pm ET on Thursdays. Please leave yourself enough time to complete the assignment and turn it in on time, technical issues do not excuse a tardy assignment. All assignments may be discussed with your instructor and/or TA before the due date.

Written assignments consist of 500-word essays, there will be five (5) of these essays assigned throughout the semester, plus one **extra credit** writing assignment (Module 14 due in Week 6). If you do not complete the extra credit assignment, your grade will be reflected as earned with the five (5) standard assignments. Please refer to specific assignment details for further information. Assignments will be based on comparing and contrasting ideas presented in the lectures and course readings. Again, you will receive zero (0) points if

any content from another student or the internet is copied. The rubric for each assignment and the extra credit assignment is given in full detail in e- Learning.

PRESENTATION PROJECT POLICY: The course presentation project comprises 30% of your final grade and consists of one 18 slide PowerPoint that you will submit on **June 19, 2020, 11:59 pm**. Again, leave yourself enough time to upload your submissions and consider technical difficulties.

Submissions may only be emailed if you cannot connect to e-learning; deadline times still apply. Please see the course schedule below for firm deadlines. Links to instructional videos will be provided in the assignment details (on e-learning) if you have not used PowerPoint before. The rubric for the project is given in full detail in e-Learning. There is a Presentation Project Discussion Board for questions specifically related to this assignment.

MAKE-UP POLICY: No make-up quizzes will be offered except for approved excused absences - documentation must be procured through the Dean of Students Office.

<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/care/courtesy-letters>

There will be a 10% per day late grade deduction for any late assignment (PLEASE NOTE THAT the extra credit assignment, final presentation project, and all quizzes are not included in this rule and must be turned in on or before their assigned due dates or you will receive a zero!!!)The only exception to this rule relates to make-up quizzes and you must provide documentation from the DSO).

Requirements for make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

If you have an event scheduled on the last day coursework is due, plan to do the work early. Students unable to complete assignments due to documented, excused absences must provide documentation to both the instructor and the Dean of Students Office no less than 48 hours before the absence.

Verification for excused absences due to illness must be received one week after the coursework due date. All documentation can be submitted electronically to DSOCares@dso.ufl.edu, or hand delivered to 202 Peabody Hall. Confirmation can be verbally verified by phone by calling 352-294-2273. Technology issues while turning in assignments/completing quizzes are handled differently and are addressed in the following section

COURSE TECHNOLOGY: In the event that you have technical difficulties with the course, please contact the UF Computing Help Desk either by filling out an online request form or calling (352) 392-4357 - select option 1. You must receive a ticket number. The Help Desk is located on the ground floor of the Hub on the UF campus. If technical difficulties that are beyond your control cause you to miss a due date, you MUST report the problem to the Help Desk and then email your instructor and the DSO. Include the ticket number that you are given from the Help Desk in an e-mail to the instructor to explain the late assignment/quiz/test.

Proof of technological fault must be provided by the student, which will then need to be verified through appropriate channels: ☐ <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu>

☐ (352) 392-HELP - select option 2

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS: Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semesters, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>.

UF POLICIES

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be emailed to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC CONDUCT: UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge, which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code." On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, your instructors and TA are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TA in this class.

This course will be using systems that check for copying and plagiarism from websites and fellow students. Your instructors can Google too. If there is an infraction, you will receive a warning as well as a zero (0) for the assignment and be reported to the Dean of Students Office. After receiving a warning, if cheating persists, you will receive a zero (0) for the subsequent assignment, be reported to the Dean of Students Office again, and incur any further penalties that are administered by the Dean of Students Office.

Once you have been reported for cheating or plagiarism you cannot drop the class. Plagiarism includes copying from websites or other students. Any direct quotes should be properly cited. If you have questions about this, please use the Course Questions discussion board or email your instructors directly. You are strongly discouraged from sharing your notes for this class on any online website. You are not permitted to distribute screen shots of any course content.

Basic guidelines for not plagiarizing: • Do not copy and paste from any website • Write your own words • Do not collaborate with fellow students on any assignment unless otherwise noted • Use in-text citations when using direct quotes, when paraphrasing, or when citing original research (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/2/>)

CLASS DEMEANOR OR NETIQUETTE: All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats. Please use proper greetings and salutations when writing to your instructors and be clear, kind, and respectful. Friendliness goes a long way and will help you succeed in this course and in life.

It is strongly recommended when taking an online exam or quiz that you use a wired connection not a Wi-Fi signal. It is also strongly advised that you do not wait until the last few hours to complete any assignment, so you can deal with a computer or internet failure. In addition, you should be using the most up to date version of Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox when using UF's eLearning interface. If you have any issue with UF e-Learning, you must contact the UF Computing Help Desk immediately at 352-392-4357 and create a ticket that you will then send to your professor so that they may follow up with the issue. The instructor will be the one who decides if the issue warrants further action.

Be advised that waiting until the last few hours limits your options to solve a computer or internet failure. A computer crash or your Wi-Fi dropping out at your location is not an appropriate excuse to retake an assignment. An e-learning system-wide failure that can be confirmed by campus IT as the responsibility of the University is an appropriate excuse to retake an assignment. In such a circumstance, an announcement will be made to all students.

GETTING HELP

U Matter, We Care serves as the umbrella program for UF's caring culture and provides students in distress with support and coordination of a wide variety of appropriate resources. Contact umatter@ufl.edu seven days a week for assistance if you are in distress. Call 352-392-1575 for a crisis counselor in the nighttime and weekends.

Resources are available at <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help> for: • Counseling and Wellness resources • Disability resources • Resources for handling student concerns and complaints • Library Help Desk support Should you have any complaints with your experience in this course please visit <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaints> to submit a complaint.

GRADING POLICIES: Grades will be released as the course unfolds. Please allow 1 week for grades to be released. Please see the following link for UF grading policies <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

COURSE EVALUATIONS:

- Presentation Project: 30%
- Written Assignments: 25%
- Discussion Boards: 20%
- Quizzes: 25%
- Extra Credit Assignment: replaces your lowest WA grade

Note: Assessments are differentially weighted, thus the points do not directly compare from assignment to assignment. There are 605 points available overall.

GRADING SCALE

A	95-100%	C	73-76.9%
A-	90-94.9%	C-	70-72.9%
B+	87-89.9%	D+	67-69.9%
B	83-86.9%	D	63-66.9%
B-	80-82.9%	D-	60-62.9%
C+	77-79.9%	E	0-59.9%

COURSE SCHEDULE *Subject to Change*

All items shown on the schedule are due by 11:59 PM on their respective due dates.

Week 1	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
MODULES 1 & 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Discussion			Module 1 Post		Module 1 Response
Quiz			Syllabus Quiz		Unit 1 Quiz
Assignment				Module 2 Assignment	Final Project Signup
Week 2	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
MODULES 3 & 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Discussion			Module 4 Post		Module 4 Response
Quiz					Unit 2 Quiz
Assignment				Module 3 Assignment	
Week 3	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
MODULES 5,6,7	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Discussion			Module 5 Post		Module 5 Response
Quiz					Unit 3 Quiz
Assignment				Module 7 Assignment	
Week 4	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5
MODULES 8,9,10	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Discussion			Module 10 Post		Module 10 Response
Quiz					Unit 4 Quiz
Assignment				Module 8 Assignment	
Week 5	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
MODULES 11, 12, 13, 14	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Discussion			Module 13 Post		Module 13 Response
Quiz					Unit 5 Quiz
Assignment				Module 12 Assignment	
Week 6	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19- Last Day
MODULES 15 & 16	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Discussion			Module 15 Post		Module 15 Response
Quiz	None				Extra Credit Due
Assignment					Final Project Due

DESCRIPTIVE COURSE SCHEDULE *Subject to Change*

Week 1

Unit 1, May 11-15: Introduction to Civilization (Available 05/9/2020)

Module 1: What is Civilization?

Module 2: History of the City

Due Dates: **Syllabus Quiz:** Wednesday, May 13, 11:59 PM
 Module 1 Discussion Post: Wednesday, May 13, 11:59 pm
 Module 1 Discussion Response: Friday, May 15, 11:59 pm
 Module 2 Assignment: Thursday, May 14, 11:59 PM
 Unit 1 Quiz: Friday, May 15, 11:59 pm
 Signup for Final Presentation Project

Week 2

Unit 2, May 18-22: Near East (Available 05/16/2020)

Module 3: Mesopotamia

Module 4: Egypt and North Africa

Due Dates: **Module 4 Discussion Post:** Wednesday, May 20, 11:59 pm
 Module 4 Discussion Response: Friday, May 22, 11:59 pm
 Module 3 Assignment: Thursday, May 21, 11:59 PM
 Unit 2 Quiz: Friday, May 22, 11:59 pm

Week 3

Unit 3, May 25-29: Far East (Available 05/23/2020)

Module 5: Southern and Southeast Asia

Module 6: China, Korea, and Japan

Module 7: Southeast Asia, Pacific Island, Kingdoms and Empires

Due Dates: **Module 5 Discussion Post:** Wednesday, May 27, 11:59 pm
 Module 5 Discussion Response: Friday, May 29, 11:59 pm
 Module 7 Assignment: Thursday, May 28, 11:59 PM
 Unit 3 Quiz: Friday, May 29, 11:59 pm

Week 4

Unit 4, June 1-5: Southern Europe, Imperial Rome, and Africa (Available 05/30/2020)

Module 8: Europe

Module 9: Imperial Rome

Module 10: Africa

Due Dates: **Module 10 Discussion Post:** Wednesday, June 3, 11:59 pm

Module 10 Discussion Response: Friday, June 5, 11:59 pm
Module 8 Assignment: Thursday, June 4, 11:59 PM
Unit 4 Quiz: Friday, June 5, 11:59 pm

Week 5

Unit 5, June 8-12: The Americas (Available 06/06/2020)

Module 11: North America

Module 12: Mesoamerica

Modules 13 & 14: South America

Due Dates: **Module 13 Discussion Post:** Wednesday, June 10, 11:59 pm
 Module 13 Discussion Response: Friday, June 12, 11:59 pm
 Module 12 Assignment: Thursday, June 11, 11:59 PM
 Unit 5 Quiz: Friday, June 12, 11:59 pm

Week 6

Unit 6, June 15-19: Cities and Urbanism (Available 06/13/2020)

Module 15: 1492 and Beyond

Module 16: Societal Collapse/ What have we learned?

Due Dates: **Module 15 Discussion Post:** Wednesday, June 17, 11:59 pm
 Module 15 Discussion Response: Friday, June 19, 11:59 pm
 Extra Credit Module 14 Assignment Due: Friday, June 19, 11:59 PM
 Final Project Due: Friday, June 19, 11:59 pm

NOTE: Please refer to the schedule in e-Learning, it will be the most up to date if any deadlines should change during the semester. You will be notified of any revisions to this schedule via email/e-Learning communication

