COURSE SCHEDULE, History 201-07: William J. Hamblin
World Civilizations to 1500: Jerusalem and the World
Fall 2011, T/Th 1:35-2:50 pm (267 RB)

• “Verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should . . . obtain a knowledge of history.”
D&C 93:53

• Note: You are responsible for the information on this syllabus. Ignore it at your peril.
Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

1. OBJECTIVES:
This class will examine the history of the World until about AD 1500. The theme for this class will
be “Jerusalem and the World” examining Jerusalem’s role as a sacred center for three major world
cultures, and of sacred symbols of art, architecture, ritual and writing associated with ancient
temple ideologies.

2. INSTRUCTOR:
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Office hours: T/Th 9:00-9:25 am, 1:00-1:25 pm; 3:00-3:20 pm or by appointment.
Note please take simple problems and questions about records and administration to the TA first; if
he cannot help, then come to me.

3. REQUIRED TEXTS PROBLEMS: (From the Bookstore)
• Anglin, J. and William J. Hamblin, World History to 1648 (HarperCollins, 1993), ISBN
0064671232 (paper), $18.95
• Hamblin, W. and D. Seely, Solomon’s Temple: Myth and History (Thames and Hudson, 2007),
ISBN 0500251339 (hard) $40
(paper) $18
• Additional course materials and primary readings will be placed on Blackboard

4. PROBLEMS. If you have serious medical problems or other types of difficulties, contact me as
soon as possible. Do not wait to try to resolve problems until the end of the semester when it is too
late to do anything about them. Problems identified early and dealt with swiftly can be solved.
5. Grading:
Tests will be given at the Testing Center and may include any type of question. Grades will be based on five factors which total 1000 points:

- 10 Quizzes (out of 13), drop lowest three 50 pts (of 65 points)
- Mid-Term Exam 100 pts
- Paper 100 pts
- Final Exam 100 pts
- Grand total 350 pts

The percentage of the curve is as follows: A 93-100; A 90-92; B+ 87-89; B 83-86; B 80-82; C+ 77-79; C 73-76; C 70-72; D+ 67-69; D 63-66; D 60-62; E 59 or lower

Note on “Make-up” Quizzes and Tests:
- There will be regular pop quizzes on the reading assignments for that day. There are no make-up quizzes! Instead, your lowest three grades (15 points) on the quizzes will be dropped. Thereafter, you take the losses. The dropping of the lowest three quizzes is designed to accommodate legitimate excuses, not so you can fool around.
- If you know in advance you will miss the day of a test, you must take the test before the scheduled test day. Make-up tests after the exam date will be essay exams because we discuss the tests in class. You may not take the final early except for medical or similar emergency. (The claim that your mom scheduled your airline ticket on the wrong day, or that you are getting married on the day of the final are not medical excuses.) Tests may include all types of questions: T/F, multiple choice, matching, fill in blank, short answer, essays, etc. There is no extra credit.
- There are no exceptions to these rules, so don’t ask.

6. COURTESY: Whispering, flirting, snoring, or other forms of disturbance will not be tolerated. Students causing any disturbance (as judged by the professor or teaching assistants) will receive a warning and be docked 5 points. If problems persist, they may be expelled from class. In a class this size it is very important to be considerate of your neighbors who are actually trying to listen.

7. CHEATING: Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing on their tests, papers, or quizzes will fail the course and be sent to the Honor Code office! No exceptions! If you repent and confess before you are caught, mercy may be obtainable. For more information, see: http://saas.byu.edu/catalog/2011-2012ucat/GeneralInfo/HonorCode.php
8. **TERM PAPER:** 100 points (28%) of your grade will be based on a term paper.

8.1 Select a book/books of interest related to the course. It must be at least 250 pages long. The book can be on any topic from any civilization before 1500 AD. (The topic of the book must be before 1500; the book may be published after 1500.) Modern historical fiction is not acceptable; fiction by ancient or medieval authors is acceptable.

8.2 You *cannot* do your book report on a book you have already read or which you are reading for another class. Picture books give ½ page count.

8.3 All parts of this assignment must be typed, double spaced, one inch margins. *Hand written submissions will be returned ungraded.*

8.4 **Thurs. 8 Sept. (5 pts): Book Review Title Due.** Write a one-paragraph summary of your proposed book, including the full bibliographic reference. Your selection MUST be authorized by me in writing. If I do not authorize the book you will get no credit. If you decide to change book titles, you must get the new title approved by me.

   Examples of full bibliographic format:

8.5 **Tues. 8 Nov. (30 pts): Reading Form Due.** Part of the assignment is to carefully read the book. You will be graded on whether you actually read the book. I will provide a form to be filled out.

8.6 **Thurs. 17 Nov. (65 pts): Book Review Due.** Write a three to four-page book report. About 2/3 of the report will summarize the book; 1/3 should be an analytical response to the book. Your goal is to prove to me that you have read and understood the book. Details to follow.

8.7 Any part of the paper handed in late will be docked 10% for the first period, 20% for the second. The paper will not be accepted if it is more than two weeks late.

8.8 Do not plagiarize (copy from sources without attribution)! Plagiarism is cheating, and can lead to failure of the course (see #7 above). If you do not understand plagiarism, ask.