



## International School Bangkok

### Course Information - 2011-12

## World Civilizations Foundation Course

Teacher(s)	Room(s)	Period(s)
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### Course Description

In World Civilizations Foundation Course, students will learn about the religions and beliefs of the East and West and their effect on politics and society. They will then learn about the causes of problems within and between different societies. Students will talk about their own beliefs and come to an understanding about issues in the past and today.

### Units of Study

#### Semester 1: Foundations of Eastern and Western Beliefs and Political Thought

- Introduction to Culture and Values
- India: Hinduism and Theravada Buddhism
- China: Confucianism, Taoism, and Legalism
- Greece: Humanism, Individualism and Democracy

### Learner Outcomes

Upon completion of this class, students will:

- explain, compare and contrast the major beliefs of the East and West
- understand how beliefs effect politics and society
- evaluate the actions and accomplishments of religious, political and intellectual figures
- look at ways that beliefs and values have caused changes in society
- look at the causes of conflict between beliefs in and between societies
- describe their own ideas and beliefs about religion and government
- develop the skills and ways of thinking of citizenship
- work independently (by yourself) and with groups to reach goals
- develop speaking and writing needed in social studies

## General Information (Texts/Materials/Software)

- 3-ring **binder to be used only for World Civilizations**
- One set of dividers
- Loose-leaf, 3-hole, lined paper
- Flash drive
- 4 Highlighters
- Blue or black ink pen
- Student Planner

## Assessments

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Formative Assessment 15%

Summative Assessment 65%

Semester Exam 20%

## Course Expectations

- Students will keep an organized binder and bring it, their student planner, and required materials to class daily.
- Students will come to class on time and be prepared to learn and participate.
- Students will be nice and kind to other students in the class.
- If a student is absent he or she must find out what happened in the class and needs to turn in assignments and do any quizzes or tests when they return.
- Students are expected to do their own work; assignments that are copied from the Internet or another student will receive an "F".
- **Late work policy: Daily homework will not be accepted after the due date. Major assignments will be accepted up to one class day after the due date but with a grade reduction.**

If you are having problems, please see your teacher immediately.

Your teacher is happy to help you.

## Reporting

1. "Grade to Date" information is posted on Powerschool.
2. The **Cumulative** Semester Grade for this course will appear on the official transcript.