

# Course Organizational Chart

## Early Complex Societies

- Circa 5000 BCE to 500 BCE
- An Urban Focus
- New Political and Military Structures
- Social and Religious Structure
- Development of Writing
- New and Significant Artistic and Intellectual Activity

Wk 2: Intro  
Wk 3: Ch. 2  
Wk 4: Ch. 3

PSA #1:  
Due Wk  
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## Classical Societies

- Circa 500 BCE to 500 C
- High degrees of internal societal (usually patriarchal) order and organization
- Extended military and political authority (over large territories)
- Religious and cultural traditions that shaped their values
- Long-distance trade and economic integration

Wk 5: Ch. 7  
Wk 6: Ch. 10  
Wk 7: Ch. 11

Mid-Term Exam: WK8

## Post-Classical Societies

- Circa 500 CE to 1000 CE
- The need to restore social and political order
- Long-distance trade and economic growth
- Technological innovation and invention
- Spread of Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, and Confucianism (Neo-)

Wk 9: Ch. 13  
Wk 10: Ch. 14  
Wk 11: Ch. 16

PSA #2:  
Due Wk  
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## Pre-Modern Societies

- Circa 1000 CE to 1500 CE
- Significant demographic changes
- Feudal fragmentation in Europe, and nomadic domination in parts of Eurasia
- Sharply increased trade by land and sea
- Continued spread (and clash) of Islam, Christianity, and Buddhism

Wk 12: Ch. 17  
Wk 13: Ch. 18  
Wk 14: Ch. 19  
Wk 15: Ch. 21

Final Exam: WK16