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

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

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-

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

Course Organizational Chart
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