

# **SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR.**



Estd 1962  
NAAC 'A' Grade  
Syllabus For  
**Bachelor of Commerce**  
**B.Com. Part-I**  
CBCS Pattern  
**History of Civilization**  
**Sem-I & Sem-II**

Introduced from June 2018 and Onwards

(Subject to the modifications will be made from time to time)

**B.Com. (CBCS) Part-I (Semester-I)**  
**Paper 1: Introduction to History of Civilization- I**  
**(introduced from June, 2018)**

( Objectives: Civilization first emerged between five and six thousand years ago when people in different parts of the world began to live in organized communities with distinct political, military, economic and social structures. Religious, intellectual and artistic activities assumed important roles in these early societies. This course introduces the students to some of the most important early civilizations of the world)

**Module 1: Indian Civilization**

- a) Indus Valley Civilization: Salient features and decline
- b) Vedic Civilization: Polity and religious literature
- c) Rise of 16 Mahajanpadas

**Module 2. Mesopotamian Civilizations**

- a) Rise of Sumerian Civilization: state, religion and art
- b) Babylonian Empire- Hammurabi's code and social structure

**3. Egyptian Civilization - A Gift of Nile**

- a) Government
- b) Society and Economy
- c) Religion and Art

**4. Rise of Chinese Civilization**

- a) Shang dynasty
- b) Chou dynasty
- c) Religion and Society

**Suggested Readings:**

- Adler, Philip J., and Randall L. Pouwels. World Civilizations. Cengage Learning, 2016.
- Bell, Michael, and Sarah Quie. Ancient Egyptian Civilization. The Rosen Publishing Group, 2009.
- Craig, Albert M., William A. Graham, Donald M. Kagan, Steven Ozment, and Frank M. Turner. The Heritage of World Civilizations. Pearson Education, 2015.
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- Habib, Irfan. The Indus Civilization. Tulika Books, 2015.
- Johnson, Paul. The Civilization Of Ancient Egypt. Harper Collins, 2012.

- Kuiper, Kathleen. *Mesopotamia: The World's Earliest Civilization*. The Rosen Publishing Group, 2010.
- Matthews, Rupert, and Todd Van Pelt. *Ancient Chinese Civilization*. The Rosen Publishing Group, 2009.
- Moret, A. *The Nile and Egyptian Civilization*. Routledge, 2013.
- Sansone, David. *Ancient Greek Civilization*. John Wiley & Sons, 2016.
- Sen, Sailendra Nath. *Ancient Indian History and Civilization*. New Age International, 1999.
- Spielvogel, Jackson J. *Western Civilization: A Brief History*. Cengage Learning, 2016.
- Stearns, Peter N. *Western Civilization in World History*. Routledge, 2008.
- Thakur, Vijay. *The Vedic Age*. Tulika Books, 2016.
- Thapar, Romila. *A History of India*. Penguin UK, 1990.

**B.Com. (CBCS) Part-I ( Semester II )**  
**Paper 2: Introduction to History of Civilization- II**  
**(introduced from June, 2018)**

( Objectives: Western Civilization has evolved considerably over the centuries. The political, artistic and intellectual contributions of the Greeks and Romans were crucial to the foundation of Western Civilization. During the medieval period the Western Civilization witnessed the two most important movements –the Renaissance and Reformation- that have shaped the modern period. The course will introduce the students to important changes that happened in Western Civilization.)

**Module 1: Rise of Classical Greece**

- a) Emergence of City States
- b) Athenian Democracy
- c) Literature and arts

**Module 2: Roman Civilization**

- a) From Republic to Empire
- b) Socio-economic and religious condition
- c) Decline

**Module 3: Renaissance in Europe**

- a) Geographical Discoveries
- b) Humanism
- c) Development of Literature and Art

**Module 4: Reformation in Europe**

- a) Causes of Reformation
- b) Martin Luther and Calvin
- c) Impact of Reformation

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- Kishlansky, Mark A., Patrick J. Geary, and Patricia O’Brien. A Brief History of Western Civilization: The Unfinished Legacy. Longman, 2002.
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