

# HIST-215 : Origins to Empires

This course introduces students to the processes of historical investigation. Causation, continuity, and change provide the context of the global historical experience through primary sources, maps, and secondary readings. These historical tools foster an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the past by integrating the history of peoples in a global context. Course content begins with the rise of Homo sapiens, ends with the rise of empires, and focuses on topics that include the relationships between the natural world and civilizations, cultures and institutions, and the power relationships involved. As well, students in the course will examine the creation and evolution of knowledge and ideas over time, and the roles of geography, politics, economics, philosophy, and religion in societies.

**Credits** 3

**Prerequisites**

College Writing (LITC-100)