The study of the Silk Road entails many perspectives including literature, art, music, history, religion, philosophy, economics, anthropology, sociology, environmental science, and geography. Many questions about the Silk Road are relevant to students’ lives today.

**COURSE CONNECTION OBJECTIVES**

1. Students learn about the history and culture of the Silk Road from a variety of disciplines (Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences)

2. Students learn to make comparisons between issues related to trade and cultural transmission during the age of the Silk Road and issues related to globalization today. What are the similarities and differences?

3. Twenty-first century students learn about what happened on the Silk Road trade routes centuries ago and why such history matters today.
Courses in the Connection:

**Division I: Social Sciences**
- ECON 370 Economic Systems (Skosples)
- HIST 111 Introduction to Early Europe (Arnold)
- HIST 350.1 The Black Death (Arnold)
- SOAN 293 East Asia Yesterday and Today (Peoples)
- SOAN 294 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Yalcinkaya)

**Division II: Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science**
- BOMI 125 Introduction to Microbiology (Tuhela-Reuning)
- ZOOL 313 Entomology (Carreno)

**Division III: Humanities/Literature**
- CHIN 300.5 Introduction to Chinese Literature (Wu)
- CHIN 3006. Third Year Chinese Conversation (Wu)
- HMCL 127 Myth, Legend, and Folklore of Non-Western Traditions (Sokolsky)
- HMCI 300.12 Literary Encounters in the Medieval Mediterranean (Livingston)
- HMCL 356 Great Books of East Asia (Sokolsky)
- HMCL 499a Geisha, Belly Dancers, and Dragon Ladies: Debunking the Myth of the ‘Oriental’ Woman (Sokolsky)
- REL141 Islam: An Introduction (Gunasti)
- REL300.x Medieval Islamic Society (Gunasti)*** (pending APC approval)

**Division IV: Arts**
- ART 348 Asian Art and Architecture (Emmer)
- ART 349 Islamic Art (Neuman de Vegvar)
- MUS 348 Survey of World Music (Roden)

**Requirements**
1. Take at least ONE course from at least THREE Divisions (Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Humanities/Literature, and Arts)
2. Take the .25 Core Lecture Series ONCE during a student’s time at OWU. This will include two banquets at restaurants related to Silk Road culture.
3. Write papers or complete projects related to the Silk Road in all courses the student takes as part of the Silk Road Course Connection.
4. Complete a final project for the connection after having taken at least THREE courses in the Silk Road Course Connection. The student must complete this requirement as an Independent Study under the supervision of a Silk Road Course Connection faculty member.
5. Participate in the Silk Road Website Blog.
6. OPTIONAL TRAVEL COMPONENT: Both faculty and students participating in the Silk Road Course Connection will be encouraged to submit proposals for Theory into Practice Travel Grants and/or Travel Learning Courses related to the Silk Road.

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