

History 101-03  
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McIver 225  
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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the growth of Western Civilization from its beginnings in the Mediterranean world of the Near East, of Greece and Rome, through the Middle Ages, to its fruition in Early Modern Europe. Our study will include religion, the arts, politics, economic trends, social arrangements—human activity in all its variety. Our civilization in the twenty-first century has its roots in the past. Knowing these roots is one way of understanding the present world.

1. Required text: Marvin Perry *et al.*, Western Civilization, Ideas, Politics & Society. Fifth edition, 1996, Vol.I. This is available in paperback at the campus and Addams bookstores. All reading assignments are from this text.
2. Attendance: You are expected to attend class regularly. More than 3 unexcused absences will adversely affect your final grade. After 5 unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class.
3. Tests and grades: There will be two one- hour tests, each worth 30%, and a cumulative final exam, which is 40% of your final grade. Study guides will be given to you for the tests and the exam. Note: I am always available for conferences. Just ask: we will set up a mutually convenient time.
4. This class follows a lecture format. It is very important to read your assignment before coming to class, and to take notes during class. Your questions are always welcome.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Aug.20 Introduction  
Aug.22 Ch.1: First civilizations: Mesopotamia  
Aug.24 Ch.1: Ancient Egypt  
Aug.27 Video: *Pyramid*  
Aug.29 Ch.3: Greece: the city-states  
Aug.31 Ch.3: Greece: the Golden Age and its decline  
Sept.3 NO CLASS  
Sept.5 Ch.4: Greek thought: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and more  
Sept.7 Video: Greek art and architecture  
Sept.10 Ch.4: Greek culture  
Sept.12 Ch.5: Alexander the Great  
Sept.14 Ch.5: Hellenistic Age: cultural diffusion  
Sept.17 Ch.6: Early Rome: rise of the Republic  
Sept.19 Ch.6: Republic in crisis: Julius Caesar  
Sept.21 Ch.7: Roman Empire: the “Peace of Rome”  
Sept.24 Ch.7: Decline and fall of the Empire  
Sept.26 TEST  
Sept.28 Video: *Roman City*

Oct.1 Ch.2: Judaism; the birth of Christianity  
Oct.3 Ch.8: Christianity becomes a world religion  
Oct.5 Ch.9: The Middle Ages: Byzantium, Islam, Christendom  
FALL BREAK  
Oct.10 Ch.9: Charlemagne; feudalism  
Oct.12 Video: *Castle*  
Oct.15 Ch.10: High Middle Ages: rise of states  
Oct.17 Ch.10: The Crusades; Innocent III  
Oct.19 Ch.11: Medieval thought: synthesis of Aristotle and Christianity  
Oct.22 Ch.11: Medieval culture  
Oct.24 Video: *Castle*  
Oct.26 Ch.12: The Black Death; 100 Years War  
Oct.29 Ch.12: Decline of papal power  
Oct.31 Ch.13: Renaissance Europe  
Nov.2 Video: Art of the High Renaissance  
Nov.5 Ch.13: The Renaissance  
Nov.7 TEST  
Nov.9 Ch.14: The Reformation  
Nov.12 Ch.14: Reformation and Counter-reformation  
Nov.14 Ch.15: European expansion: the New World  
Nov.16 Ch.15: Europe in transition  
Nov.19 Ch.16: Rise of nation-states: Spain  
THANKSGIVING  
Nov.26 Ch.16: France: The age of Louis XIV  
Nov.28 Ch.16: England: growth of constitutional monarchy  
Nov.30 Ch.17: Scientific Revolution: birth of the modern mind  
Dec.3 Ch.17: Scientific Revolution  
Dec.5 Ch.18: Enlightenment  
Dec.7 Ch.18: Enlightenment  
Dec.10: Review  
Exam: Dec.12: 12:00-3:00

