

WCV 102-02
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McIver 231
TR 12:30-1:45

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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the growth of Western Civilization from the 17th century in early modern times up to the present. Our study will include human activity in all its variety: religion, the arts, politics, economic trends, social arrangements. This is what constitutes civilization, and our goal is to have a better understanding of the present world, in which we live in a global society.

1. Required text: Marvin Perry *et al.*, Western Civilization, Ideas, Politics & Society. Vol.II. This is available in paperback in the campus and Addams bookstores. All reading assignments are from this text.
2. Attendance: You are expected to attend class regularly, and if you cannot be here because of illness, you are to notify me within 48 hours of your absence in order to be excused. With five unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class.
3. Research projects: Each student will do a research project and give a short report to the class. Instructions will be given with the list of topics.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one-hour tests in class, each worth 20% of your grade. Your research project is 20%, and the exam will be 40% of your final grade. You will get study guides for tests and the exam.
5. This class follows a lecture format. Your questions and observations at any time are welcome. It is very important to read your assignment before coming to class, and to take notes.

CLASS SCHEDULE

1/14 Introduction

1/16 Ch.16 Modern nation states evolve

1/21 Ch.17 Scientific Revolution

1/23 Ch.18 Enlightenment: The Age of Reason

1/28 Ch.18 Enlightened despotism

1/30 Ch.19 French revolution: the old regime

2/4 Ch.19 The Revolution turns radical

*2/6 Ch.20 Napoleon . Reports on Napoleon as political leader, as general, and the Code Napoleon

*2/11 Ch.21, The Industrial Revolution . Reports on Newton, Galileo and Voltaire.

2/13 Ch.22, Early 19th century thought and culture.

2/18 TEST

2/23 Ch.23 European revolutions 1815-1848

*2/25 Ch.23 The revolutions. Report on romantic poetry

2/27 Ch.24 The 19th century “isms”

3/4 Ch.25 Unification of Italy and Germany

*3/6 Ch.26 Industrial West. Reports on Darwin, theory of evolution, Social Darwinism

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- *3/18 Ch.26 Industrial West continued. Reports on Marx, Marxist theory, Engels.
- *3/20 Ch.27 Western imperialism. Reports on anarchism, Proudhon, Bakunin, John Stuart Mill
- 2/25 Ch.27 Western imperialism continued.
- *3/27 Ch.28 Modern consciousness. Reports on Nietzsche, Freud, Einstein
- 4/1 Ch.29 World War I. Reports on Van Gogh and Picasso
- 4/3 Ch.29 WWI. Reports on Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin
- 4/8 TEST
- 4/10 Ch.30 Totalitarianism
- 4/15 Ch.30 Totalitarianism continued
- *4/17 Ch.31 Early 20th century thought. Reports on Hitler, Mussolini
- *4/22 Ch.32 World War II. Reports on planes, subs, tanks
- *4/24 Ch.32 WWII. Report on Churchill
- *4/29 Ch.33 Global age. Reports on Ho Chi Minh, Thatcher, Khrushchev, astronauts
- *5/1 Ch.33 Global age. Reports on Mandela, global warming

Exam: Thursday, May 8, 12 noon

