

WCV 101-04
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Graham 212
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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

Jan.14 Introduction
Jan.16 Ch.1: First civilizations: Mesopotamia
Jan.18 Ch.1: Ancient Egypt
Jan.21 NO CLASS
Jan.23 Video: *Pyramid*
Jan.25 Ch.3: Greece: the city-states
Jan.28 Ch.3: Greece: the Golden Age and its decline
Jan.30 Ch.4: Greek thought: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and more
Feb.1 Video: Greek art and architecture
Feb.4 Ch.4: Greek culture
Feb.6 Ch.5: Alexander the Great
Feb.8 Ch.5: Hellenistic Age: cultural diffusion
Feb.11 Ch.6: Early Rome: rise of the Republic
Feb.13 Ch.6: Republic in crisis: Julius Caesar
Feb.15 Ch.7: Roman Empire: the “Peace of Rome”
Feb.18 Ch.7: Decline and fall of the Empire
Feb.20 Video: *Roman City*
Feb.22 TEST

Feb.25 Ch.2: Judaism; the birth of Christianity
Feb.27 Ch.8: Christianity becomes a world religion
March 1 Ch.9: The Middle Ages: Byzantium, Islam, Christendom
March 4 Ch.9: Charlemagne; feudalism
March 6 Video: *Castle*
March 8 Ch.10: High Middle Ages: rise of states
SPRING BREAK
March 18 Ch.10: The Crusades; Innocent III
March 20 Ch.11: Medieval thought: synthesis of Aristotle and Christianity
March 22 Ch.11: Medieval culture
March 25 Video: *Cathedral*
March 27 Ch.12: The Black Death; 100 Years War
March 29 NO CLASS
April 1 Ch.12: Decline of papal power
April 3 Ch.13: Renaissance Europe
April 5 Video: Art of the High Renaissance
April 8 Ch.13: The Renaissance
April 10 TEST
April 12 Ch.14: The Reformation
April 15 Ch.14: Reformation and Counter-reformation
April 17 Ch.15: European expansion: the New World
April 19 Ch.15: Europe in transition
April 22 Ch.16: Rise of nation-states: Spain
April 24 Ch.16: France: The age of Louis XIV
April 26 Ch.16: England: growth of constitutional monarchy
April 29 Ch.17: Scientific Revolution: birth of the modern mind
May 1 Ch.17: Scientific Revolution
May 3 Ch.18: The Enlightenment: an overview
May 6 Review
Exam: May 10, 8a.m.