

WCV 101-05
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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. To be excused, you must contact me within 48 hours of your absence. Most acceptable excuse: you are too ill to come to class.
3. Group projects: Each of you will sign up to do a group project. Instructions are given with the list of topics.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one- hour tests, each worth 20%, your project which is worth 20%, 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.
5. 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.19 Introduction
Aug.21 Ch.1, first civilizations
Aug.23 Video: *Pyramid*
Aug.26 Ch.3, Greece: the city-states
Aug.28 Ch.3, Greece: the Golden age and its decline
Aug.30 Ch.4, Greek thought
Sept.2 NO CLASS
Sept.4 Ch.4, Greek culture
Sept.6 Video: Greek art and architecture
Sept. 9 Ch.5, Alexander the Great
Sept.11 Ch.5, Hellenistic Age
Sept.13 Ch.6, Early Rome: rise of the Republic
Sept.16 Ch.6, Republic in crisis: Julius Caesar
Sept.18 Ch.7, Roman Empire: the Peace of Rome
Sept.20 Ch.7, Decline and fall of the Empire; the coming of the barbarians

Sept.23 Video: *Roman City*
Sept.25 TEST
Sept.27 Ch.2, Judaism, birth of Christianity
Sept.30 Ch.8, Christianity becomes a world religion
Oct.2 Group projects: reports on (1) mummies, (2) Moses
Oct.4 Group projects: (3) Iliad, (4) Alexander the Great
Oct.7 Ch.9, The Middle Ages: Byzantium, Islam, Latin Christendom
Oct.9 Ch.9, Charlemagne; feudalism
Oct.11 Group projects: (5) Greek drama, (6) Roman army
FALL BREAK
Oct.16 Ch.10, The High Middle Ages: rise of states
Oct.18 Ch.10, Crusades; Innocent III
Oct.21 Group projects: (7) Gladiators, (8) Islam
Oct.23 Ch.11, Medieval thought
Oct.25 Ch.11, Medieval culture
Oct.28 Group projects: (9) Charlemagne, (10) Monastic life
Oct.30 Ch.12, Black Death; 100 Years War
Nov.1 Ch.12, Crisis in the Church
Nov.4 Group projects: (11) chivalry, (12) the Crusades
Nov.6 Ch.13, Renaissance Europe
Nov.8 Ch.13, Renaissance culture
Nov.11 Video: Art of the High Renaissance
Nov.13 TEST
Nov.15 Ch.14, Reformation
Nov.18 Ch.14, Reformation and Counter-reformation
Nov.20 Group projects: (13) Abelard and Heloise, (14) Joan of Arc
Nov.22 Ch.15, European expansion: the New World
THANKSGIVING
Dec.2 Group project: (15) Witchcraft. Ch.16: Spain
Dec.4 Ch.16, France in the age of Louis XIV
Dec.6 Ch.16, England, the growth of constitutional monarchy
Dec.9 Review

Exam: Wednesday, Dec.11, 8 am

