

History 1111
World Civilization I.
Fall 2007

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Lecture: M W F 10:00-10:50 TLC 1203

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Course Description:

This course is a survey of world civilizations from c. 3,500 BCE to c. 1,600 CE. The goal of this course is not to achieve a comprehensive understanding of each culture examined, but rather a broad understanding of these civilizations and how they have helped to shape the modern world. Several themes such as law, political organization, religion and cultural heritages will be used so that students will be able to compare and contrast the civilizations surveyed. An additional theme will be contact (trade, warfare, cultural exchange etc.) between civilizations and the resulting consequences. This course also teaches students how to think like historians. Students will learn how to use historical evidence to construct an effective argument for exams.

Learning Outcomes:

Students who complete this course will:

- Have the ability to demonstrate both verbally and in writing a basic knowledge of world history.
- Have a better understanding of philosophical, religious, political, and cultural heritages that have helped to shape the modern world.
- Learn the fundamental methods of historical inquiry.
- Have improved writing and critical thinking skills.

Course Requirements:

1. Attending lectures is essential for success in this course. While there is no attendance policy, all exam questions will be taken from material covered in lecture.
2. There will be three essay examinations during the semester including the final examination. All exams will have short identifications and essays. The final will include an essay question which is cumulative.
3. In addition to attending all lectures, you must also complete all of the assigned reading. While this course is primarily lecture based, we will discuss primary source documents during lecture on certain days. Because reading is important for success in this class, I have scheduled several reading quizzes. Your participation grade will be based upon contributions during discussions and your performance on quizzes. All readings are on Electronic Reserve at the Ingram Library.

Grading:

Quizzes and Class Participation: 10%

First Exam: 25%

Second Exam: 30%

Final: 35%

Cheating:

Cheating of any kind will result in an "F" for the course and further disciplinary action may be taken.

Miscellaneous:

No electronic devices, including laptops, are to be used during lecture.

There will be no make-up exams.

There will be no extra-credit.

Grade information will not be given out via email.

All email correspondence must be via your UWG email account.

The lecture schedule is tentative and will be revised throughout the semester.

It is the student's responsibility to come to class and note any changes to the reading, lecture, and quiz schedule.

Textbook (Optional):

Civilization Past and Present Concise version to 1650, Brummet *et al.*

Selected primary source readings on electronic reserve through the library

Lecture Schedule:

Week 1

Aug 14 (W): Introduction

Aug. 17 (F): From Old Rocks to New ones

Week 2:

Aug. 20 (M): Mesopotamia (**Reading Quiz: Epic of Gilgamesh**)

Aug. 22 (W): Egypt (**Reading Quiz: Hymn to the Nile**)

Aug 24 (F): Iron Age Empires

Week 3:

Aug. 27 (M): Gods and More Gods (**Reading Quiz: Hymn to Aton**)

Aug. 29 (W): The God Who did Wrong (**Reading Quiz: Book of Job**)

Aug. 31 (F): Ancient India

Week 4:

Sept. 3 (M): No Class

Sept. 5 (W): The Hindu Synthesis (**Reading Quiz: TBA**)

Sept. 7 (F): Confucius says (**Reading Quiz; TBA**)

Week 5:

Sept. 10 (M): **First Exam**

Sept. 12 (W): Early Greece

Sept. 14 (F): Greek political developments

Week 6:

Sept. 17 (M): Rise of Athens

Sept. 19 (W): Science Sophists and War (**Reading Quiz: Antigone**)

Sept. 21 (F) Socrates (**Reading Quiz: Crito**)

Week 7:

Sept. 24 (M): Plato

Sept. 26 (W): Alexander the Great

Sept. 28 (F): The Hellenistic World

Week 8:

Oct. 1 (M): The Secret of Rome? (**Reading Quiz: TBA**)

Oct. 3 (W): The *Res Publica* (**Reading Quiz: Polybius**)

Oct. 5 (F): The Roman Revolution

Week 9:

Oct. 8 (M): Caesar and Octavian (**Reading Quiz: Res Gestae**)

Oct. 11 (W): The Problem of the Fall

Oct. 13 (F): No class

Week 10:

Oct. 15 (M): Early Christianity (**Reading Quiz: TBA**)

Oct. 17 (W): **Second Exam**

Oct. 19 (F): Christianity Succeeds (**Reading Quiz: Celsus**)

Week 11:

Oct. 22 (M): The Christian Empire

Oct 24 (W): Fall of Rome?

Oct. 26 (F): The Empire Restored?

Week 12:

Oct. 30 (M): Rise of Islam

Nov. 1 (W): Charlemagne and the Franks (**Reading Quiz: Life of Charlemagne**)

Nov. 3 (F): The Carolingian Renaissance

Week 13:

Nov. 6 (M): Islam after Muhammad

Nov. 8 (W): Vikings and Friends

Nov. 10 (F): Crusades

Week 14:

Nov. 13 (M): The Medieval World

Nov 15 (W): What If?

Nov. 17 (F): TBA

Week 15:

Nov. 20 (M): TBA

Nov. 22 (W): No Class

Nov. 24 (F): No Class

Week 16:

Nov. 27 (M): TBA

Nov. 29 (W): TBA

Final Exam:

Friday, Dec., 7, 8-10 am