

**History 1111
World Civilization I.
Spring 2007**

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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 examinations** during the semester including the final examination. All exams will have short identifications and essays. The final will include an essay question that 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: 30%

Second Exam: 30%

Final: 30%

Cheating:

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

Miscellaneous:

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 will be revised throughout the semester.

It is the student's responsibility to come to class and note 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

Jan 8 (M): Introduction

Jan 10 (W): From Old Rocks to New Ones

Jan 12 (F) Mesopotamia (**Reading Quiz: Epic of Gilgamesh**)

Week 2:

Jan 15 (M): No Class

Jan 17 (W): Egypt (**Reading Quiz: Hymn to the Nile**)

Jan 19 (F): Iron Age Empires

Week 3:

Jan 22 (M): Gods and More Gods (**Reading Quiz: Hymn to Aton**)

Jan 24 (W): The God Who did Wrong (**Reading Quiz: Book of Job selection**)

Jan 26 (F): Ancient India

Week4:

Jan 29 (M): The Hindu Synthesis (**Reading Quiz; TBA**)

Jan 31 (W): Ancient China
Feb 2 (F): Confucius Says

Week 5:

Feb 5 (M): **First Exam**
Feb 7 (W): Rediscovery of Greece
Feb 9 (F): Ancient Greece

Week 6:

Feb 12 (M): Greek Political Developments
Feb 14 (W): Rise of Athens
Feb 16 (F): Science, Sophists and War (**Reading Quiz: Antigone selection**)

Week 7:

Feb 19 (M): Socrates (**Reading Quiz: Crito**)
Feb 21 (W): Plato's Cave
Feb 23 (F): Alexander the Great

Week 8:

Feb 26 (M): The Hellenistic World
Feb 28 (W): The Secret of Rome?
Mar 2 (F): The *Res Publica* (**Reading Quiz: Polybius selection**)

Week 9:

Mar 5 (M): Roman Revolution
Mar 7 (W): Julius Caesar
Mar 9 (F): Augustus and the Principate (**Reading Quiz: *Res Gestae***)

Week 10:

Mar 12 (M): **Second Exam**
Mar 14 (W): The Problem of the Fall
Mar. 16 (F): TBA

Week 11:

Mar 19 (M): No Class
Mar 21 (W): No Class
Mar 23: (F) No Class

Week 12:

Mar 26 (M): Early Christianity
Mar 28 (W): Barbarians
Mar 30 (F): Christianity Succeeds

Week 13:

Apr 2 (M): The Christian Empire
Apr 4 (W): Fall of Rome?

Apr 6 (F): The Empire Restored?

Week 14:

Apr 9 (M): Rise of Islam

Apr 11 (W): Charlemagne and the Franks

Apr 13 (F): Carolingian Renaissance (**Reading Quiz: Life of Charlemagne**)

Week 15:

Apr. 16 (M): Islam After Muhammad

Apr. 18 (W): Vikings and Friends

Apr 20 (F): TBA

Week 16:

Apr 23 (M): TBA

Final Exam:

Friday, May 4, 8-10 am