

**History 1111
World Civilization I.
Spring 2008**

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Lecture: M W F 10:00-10:50 TLC 1200

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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. Often, I will substitute short writing assignments for the quizzes. Your participation grade will be based upon contributions

during discussions and your performance on quizzes and assignments. All readings are on Electronic Reserve at the Ingram Library.

****The Reading and Quiz schedule is tentative. It is your job to come to lecture in order to be aware of any changes to the schedule.**

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 and may be revised throughout the semester.

Textbook (Optional):

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

Selected primary source readings are on electronic reserve through the library

The Password for Electronic Reserve reading is Charlemagne

Lecture Schedule:

Week 1

Jan 9 (W): Introduction

Jan 11 (F): From Old Rocks to New Ones

Week 2:

Jan 14 (M): Mesopotamia (**Reading Quiz: Epic of Gilgamesh**)

Jan 16 (W): Egypt (**Reading Quiz: Hymn to the Nile**)

Jan 18 (F): Iron Age Empires

Week 3:

Jan 21 (M): No Class

Jan 23 (W): Gods and More Gods **Reading Quiz: Hymn to Aton**)

Jan 25 (F): The God Who did wrong?

Week 4:

Jan 28 (M): Ancient India

Jan 30 (W): The Hindu Synthesis (**Reading Quiz; TBA**)

Feb 1 (F): Ancient China

Week 5:

Feb 4 (M): Confucius Says (**Reading Quiz: TBA**)

Feb 6 (W): TBA

Feb 8 (F): **First Exam**

Week 6:

Feb 11 (M): Early Greece

Feb 13 (W): Greek Political Developments

Feb 15 (F): Rise of Athens

Week 7:

Feb 18 (M): Science and Tragedy (**Reading Quiz: Antigone**)

Feb 20 (W): Socrates (**Reading Quiz: Apology and Crito**)

Feb 22 (F): Plato's Cave

Week 8:

Feb 25 (M): Alexander

Feb 27 (W): Hellenistic World

Feb 29 (F): The Secret of Rome (**Reading Quiz: TBA**)

Week 9:

Mar 3 (M): The *Res Publica* (**Reading Quiz: Polybius**)

Mar 5 (W): Roman Revolution

Mar 7 (F): Caesar

Week 10:

Mar 10 (M): Octavian/Augustus (**Reading Quiz: *Res Gestae***)

Mar 12 (W): **Second Exam**

Mar. 14 (F): The Problem of the Fall

Week 11:

Mar 17 (M): No Class

Mar 19 (W): No Class

Mar 21 (F): No Class

Week 12:

Mar 24 (M): Early Christianity

Mar 26 (W): Christianity Succeeds (**Reading Quiz: Celsus**)

Mar 28 (F): The Christian Empire

Week 13:

Mar 31 (M): Fall of Rome?

Apr 2 (W): Justinian

Apr 4 (F): Rise of Islam

Week 14:

Apr 7 (M): Charlemagne and the Franks

Apr 9 (W): Carolingian Renaissance (**Reading Quiz: Life of Charlemagne**)

Apr 11 (F): Islam after Muhammad

Week 15:

Apr. 14 (M): Vikings and Friends

Apr. 16 (W): Crusades

Apr 18 (F): Europe Reborn

Week 16:

Apr 21 (M): The Reformation

Apr 23 (W): TBA

Apr 25 (F): TBA

Week 17:

Apr 28 (M): TBA

Apr 30 (W): TBA

Final Exam:

Wednesday, May 7, 8-10 am