

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

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Lecture: T, TH 8:00-9:15 Paffrord (Bonner A)

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**Course Description:**

This course is a survey of world civilizations from c. 3,500 BC to c. 1,600 C. 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 **two 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: 15%

First Exam: 40%

Final: 45%

**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.

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 Caesar**

**Lecture Schedule:**

Week 1:

Feb 12 (T): Introduction

Feb 14 (TH): Early Greece and the Rise of Athens

Week 2:

Feb 19 (T): Science and Tragedy (**Reading Quiz: Antigone**)

Feb 21 (TH): Socrates and Plato (**Reading Quiz: Apology and Crito**)

Week 3:

Feb 26 (T): Alexander and the Hellenistic World

Feb 28 (TH): The Secret of Rome and the *Res Publica* (**Reading Quiz: Polybius**)

Week 4:

Mar 4 (T): The Roman Revolution

Mar 6 (TH): Roman Revolution and Julius Caesar

Week 5:

Mar 11 (T): Octavian/Augustus (**Reading Quiz: *Res Gestae***)

Mar 13 (W): **First Exam**

Week 6:

No Class

Week 7:

Mar 25 (T): The Problem of the fall and Early Christianity

Mar 27 (TH): Christianity Succeeds (**Reading Quiz: Celsus**)

Week 8:

Apr. 1 (T): The Christian Empire and Sack of Rome

Apr 3 (TH): The Empire Restored?

Week 9:

Apr 8 (T): The Rise of Islam

Apr 10 (TH): Charlemagne and the Carolingian Renaissance (**Reading Quiz: Life of Charlemagne**)

Week 10:

Apr. 15 (T): Islam After Muhammed

Apr. 17 (TH): Vikings and Friends

Week 11:

Apr 22 (T): The Crusades (**Reading Quiz: TBA**)

Apr 24 (TH): TBA

Week 12:

Apr 28 (M): TBA

**Final Exam:**

**Tuesday, May 6,8-10 am**