

Syllabus
HY101-105/ History of Western Civilization I
Spring 2011

Course Meeting Time: Tuesday and Thursday-11:00 am to 12:15 pm
Course Meeting Place: HUMB 342

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Course Goals and Objectives: This course will survey the history of Western Civilization from the beginnings of human civilization in the Near East to the beginnings of the Protestant Reformation in Europe. Students will be introduced to the political, economic, social, and cultural foundations of Western Civilization. Students will also be introduced to the basics of historiography, including differentiating between primary and secondary sources and identifying authorial bias.

Texts:

Spieltvogel, Jackson J. *Western Civilization, Volume I: To 1715*. Seventh Edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, 2009.

Kishlansky, Mark, ed. *Meridians: Sources in World History*. New York: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2009.

Attendance Policy: Attendance is not strictly required, however, the roll will be taken daily. Attendance will prove invaluable for the quizzes, exams, and writing assignments. Therefore, attendance is strongly recommended. Attendance at all exams and quizzes is mandatory.

Reading Assignments: All reading assignments are to be completed before the class for which they have been assigned.

Exams and Quizzes: There will be two major examinations in this course, a mid-term and a final exam, each of which will be worth 20% of your final grade. You will also have four quizzes, with the lowest quiz grade being dropped before the determination of the final grade at the end of the semester. The only exception to this will be for those students receiving a zero quiz grade for cheating. Each quiz will be worth 10% of your final grade. The quizzes will contain a combination of multiple choice questions and term identification. Each examination will contain a combination of multiple choice questions, fill in the blank, matching, placing items in chronological order, term identification, and a short answer/essay (one paragraph).

Writing Assignments: There will be one writing assignment - a five-page paper on a topic to be chosen by you during the first week of class from a list that I will provide. This assignment will be broken down into several component parts – please see the grade breakdown below. Students **must** use the Turabian (Chicago Manual of Style) citation system to cite their sources. More information will be provided in class.

Make-up Policy: If you miss an exam due to an excused absence (i.e., documented medical reasons, death in immediate family, etc.), you will be allowed to take a revised exam. Make-up exams must be arranged with me. If you know ahead of time that you will be absent for an exam, you must arrange the date of the make-up with me before the absence. These rules also apply for any other written assignments, such as the paper. If you miss a quiz, you will be permitted to take a revised make-up quiz on the last day of class. No other make-up quizzes will be permitted.

Penalty for Late Work: Work turned in after the due date will be penalized five points (or one-half grade) for each calendar day that it is late, unless an excused absence is granted.

Breakdown of Final Grade:

Mid-term Examination	20%
Final Examination	20%
Quizzes (top 3 only)	
Each quiz (10%)	30%
Paper Assignment	
Preliminary Bibliography	10%
Final Paper	20%
Total:	100%

Americans with Disabilities Act: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students with bona fide disabilities will be afforded reasonable accommodation. The Office of Special Student Services will certify a disability and advise faculty members of reasonable accommodations. If you have a specific disability that qualifies you for academic accommodations, please notify me and provide certification from Disability Services (Office of Special Student Services). The Office of Special Student Services is located in the Student Center, Room 270 - phone 460-7212.

Changes in Course Requirements: Since all classes do not progress at the same rate, the instructor may wish to modify the above requirements or their timing as circumstances dictate. Advance written notice will be given, whenever possible, of all major changes, such as quizzes, paper assignments, and exams.

JagSuccess: "JagSuccess is a program intended to help students be successful in 100-200 level courses. If you are not doing well, you will receive an email instructing you to see your professor along with instructions to access an online tutorial intended to help

with common problems affecting academic performance. Watch for this email during week 8 of this semester."

Academic Integrity and Class Etiquette:

-Plagiarism and cheating will **not be tolerated** in this course. Plagiarism is taking the ideas, words, works, etc. of someone else and presenting them as your own. This can be either from a published source or from the work of a classmate. Changing the words around a bit or combining the works of several people into one sentence, paragraph, or paper without proper citation may be mosaic plagiarism, but it is still plagiarism. If it is not your work, cite it! "Penalties may range from the loss of credit for a particular assignment to dismissal from the University." The first incident of cheating or plagiarism will result in loss of credit for that assignment. The second incident of cheating or plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the entire course. I will also file a grievance against you with the Dean's office, which will be placed in your permanent record.

-Disruptive behavior (i.e., talking during class, arriving late, leaving early, talking on cell phones, texting, eating, etc.) will also **not be tolerated** and the offending student may be asked to leave. You may bring something to drink to class, but you are responsible for cleaning up any spills and must take your containers with you at the end of the class period. Laptops will not be permitted in class.

Course Schedule:

<u>Tuesday, January 18:</u>	Introduction to the Course
<u>Thursday, January 20:</u>	Beginnings of Civilization/Ancient Mesopotamia
Readings:	Spielvogel: xxxi-xxxii, 1-15
	Meridians: 1-21
	<i>Drop/Add ends at 5:59 pm today.</i>
<u>Tuesday, January 25:</u>	Ancient Egypt
Readings:	Spielvogel: 15-33
	Class Handout: <i>The Negative Confessions</i>
<u>Thursday, January 27:</u>	Ancient Hebrews
Readings:	Spielvogel: 34-42
	Class Handout: Selections from Hebrew Literature
<u>Tuesday, February 1:</u>	Library Day – Group I
<u>Thursday, February 3:</u>	Library Day – Group II
<u>Tuesday, February 8:</u>	Assyrians, Chaldeans (Neo Babylonians), Persians – Quiz #1
Readings:	Spielvogel: 42-54
	Meridians: 22-33

<u>Thursday, February 10:</u>	Ancient Greece
Readings: Spielvogel:	55-69
<u>Tuesday, February 15:</u>	Classical Greece I
Readings: Spielvogel:	69-76
<i>Meridians:</i>	34-51
<u>Thursday, February 17:</u>	Classical Greece II
Readings: Spielvogel:	76-88
<i>Meridians:</i>	52-68
<u>Tuesday, February 22:</u>	Alexander the Great and Hellenistic Civilization
Readings: Spielvogel:	Chapter 4 (all)
<i>Meridians:</i>	69-79
<i>Preliminary Bibliography Due Today!</i>	
<u>Thursday, February 24:</u>	Review for Mid-Term Exam
<u>Tuesday, March 1:</u>	Mid-Term Exam
<u>Thursday, March 3:</u>	Roman Republic
Readings: Spielvogel:	113-134
<u>Tuesday, March 8:</u>	Mardi Gras Holiday – No Class!
<u>Thursday, March 10:</u>	Roman Republic – Civil War and Collapse
Readings: Spielvogel:	134-146
<i>Meridians:</i>	80-84
<u>Tuesday, March 15:</u>	Spring Break – No Class!
<u>Thursday, March 17:</u>	Spring Break – No Class!
<u>Tuesday, March 22:</u>	Roman Empire – <i>Quiz #2</i>
Readings: Spielvogel:	147-170, 179-186
<i>Meridians:</i>	85-87
<u>Thursday, March 24:</u>	Rise of Christianity
Readings: Spielvogel:	170-178, 192-201
<i>Meridians:</i>	88-111
<u>Tuesday, March 29:</u>	Byzantium/Rise of Islam
Readings: Spielvogel:	201-212, 237-242
<i>Meridians:</i>	112-128
<u>Thursday, March 31:</u>	Early Middle Ages to Charlemagne
Readings: Spielvogel:	187-191, 214-223

Tuesday, April 5: **Viking Invasions and the Rise of Feudalism – Quiz #3**

Readings: Spielvogel: 224-234

Thursday, April 7: **High Middle Ages - Economy and Culture**

Readings: Spielvogel: Chapter 9 (all)
Meridians: 129-138

[Friday, April 8 – Last Day to Drop]

Tuesday, April 12: **Reconquista and Crusade**

Readings: Spielvogel: 277-278, 294-302
Meridians: 139-153

Thursday, April 14: **High Middle Ages - State - Quiz #4**

Readings: Spielvogel: 271-284
Meridians: 154-159

Tuesday, April 19: **High Middle Ages - Church**

Readings: Spielvogel: 284-294
Meridians: 160-183

Thursday, April 21: **Terrible Fourteenth Century**

Readings: Spielvogel: Chapter 11 (all)
Meridians: 184-193

Tuesday, April 26: **The Renaissance**

Readings: Spielvogel: 337-368
Meridians: 194-198

Final Paper Due Today!

Thursday, April 28: **Beginnings of the Reformation**

Readings: Spielvogel: 368-383
Meridians: 199-222

Tuesday, May 3: **Review for Final Exam**

Thursday, May 5: **Make-up Quiz Day**

The final exam for this course will be on **Tuesday, May 10, 2011** from **10:30am to 12:30pm** in our regular classroom. The Final Exam will not be comprehensive. In other words, it will only cover the material examined since the mid-term examination.