WESTERN CIVILIZATION I
21:510:201 Sec. 03 Fall 2011 (index #22242)

This course will examine the history of Western Civilization from ancient times to roughly 1700. The main requirements are to attend class regularly and to do every reading by the day we discuss it.

READINGS

Course reader, available only at Affordable Copies, 49 Halsey St., 973 802-1007
Note: The reader is not at the campus bookstore or at New Jersey Books: only Affordable Copies.

GRADING

TESTS: There will be a midterm on Wed. Oct. 19 and a COMPREHENSIVE final exam on Wed. Dec. 21, 3-6pm. The format for these tests will be a series of short essays (1/2 to 1 page). You should read the exam instructions (in the reader) very carefully before each exam.

LECTURE QUESTIONS: At the end of each lecture, you must hand in one or two brief questions or comments on the material covered in the lecture. Grades are based on the number of days when you attend class and hand in a card; each unexcused absence will lower this score by five points. In order to receive credit, your card must contain a question or comment on the material for that session.

For an absence to be excused, you must provide written evidence of a valid reason for your absence, and no excuses will be accepted after the final exam.

Your overall course grade will fall by a half-letter (e.g., from B to C+) for each unexcused absence starting with the fourth one. Any student who misses eight or more sessions through any combination of excused and unexcused absences will not earn credit in this course; such students should withdraw from the class.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Everyone is required to participate regularly in class discussions, either by asking questions or by making relevant comments. Grading is based primarily on how often you participate, but also on your level of comprehension of the day's readings and ability to analyze the course material. You will get separate scores for the two halves of the semester, and your final score will be an average of the two. Use of electronic devices (texting, etc.) in class is absolutely prohibited and will lower your score. No laptop computers are allowed in this class.

READING QUIZZES: Several times during the semester, you will be quizzed on the readings assigned for that day. These quizzes will be unannounced. The lowest grade on the quizzes will not count.

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**Wed. 9-7: Introduction**

**Mon. 9-12: The Hebrews**
The Old Testament: Genesis and Exodus (R-1)

**Wed. 9-14: The Hebrews, Part 2**
The Book of Joshua (R-2)
Proverbs 3, 31 (R-3)
The Hebrew Scriptures, "Rules and Commandments" (R-4)

**Mon. 9-19: Greece -- Myth and Religion (Archaic Era)**
Will Durant, "The Gods of Greece" (R-5)
Greek Myths (R-6)
Homer, "The Iliad" (R-7)

**Wed. 9-21: Greece -- Ideas of Virtue**
Homer, "The Iliad" (Part 2) (R-8)
Will Durant, "The Olympic Games" (R-9)
Xenophon, "On Management of the Home" (R-10)

**Mon. 9-26: Greece -- Humanism (Classical Era)**
Critias, "The Origins of Religion" (R-11)
Hippocrates, "The Sacred Disease" (R-12)
Sophocles, "On Humans" (R-13)
Thucydides, "On the Writing of History" (R-14)

**Wed. 9-28: Athens -- Democracy**
"A Summary of Athenian Democracy" (R-15)
Pericles, "The Funeral Speech" (R-16)
"Athenian Views of Democracy" (R-17)

**Mon. 10-3: Greece -- Plato**
Plato, "The Republic," Part 1 (R-18)

**Wed. 10-5: Greece -- Plato**
Plato, "The Republic," Part 2 (R-19)

**Mon. 10-10: Rome -- Origins**
"The Twelve Tables" (R-20)
H.I. Marrou, "Roman Education" (R-21)
Dionysius, "On Patronage" (R-22)

**Wed. 10-12: Rome -- Ideas of Virtue**
Cicero, "On the Command of Cnaeus Pompeius" (R-23)
Q.L. Vespillo, "Funeral Eulogy" (R-24)

**Mon. 10-17: Rome -- Empire**
Polybius, "The Roman Army" (R-25)
Will Durant, "Roman Transport, Engineering, and Trade" (R-26)
David Braund, "Patronage in Roman Imperialism" (R-27)
A.N. Sherwin-White, "Roman Imperialism" (R-28)
Wed. 10-19: MIDTERM EXAM

Mon. 10-24: Review test. The Origins of Christianity
Isaiah (R-29)
Will Durant, "Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean" (R-30)

Wed. 10-26: The Christian Ethos
The Gospel According to Matthew (R-31)
The Epistles (R-32)
Revelation (R-33)

Mon. 10-31: The Spread of Christianity
Will Durant, "Constantine and Christianity" (R-34)
The Theodosian Code (R-35)
The Venerable Bede, "History of the English Church and People" (R-36)
“Letter from Four Indian Governors” (R-37)

Wed. 11-2: The Medieval Outlook
St. Augustine, "Confessions" (R-38)
Tertullian, "What Has Jerusalem to do with Athens?" (R-39)
Lothario dei Segni, "On the Misery of the Human Condition" (R-40)
Sprenger & Kramer, "The Hammer of Witches" (R-41)

Mon. 11-7: Medieval Society
Morris Bishop, "Feudalism" (R-42)
Feudal Documents (R-43)
"The Customs of the Manor of Dernale" (R-44)
Christine de Pizan, "A Noblewoman's Duties" (R-45)

Wed. 11-9: The Church, the Inquisition, and the Crusades
Pope Gregory VII, "Papal Authority" (R-46)
Will Durant, “The Inquisition” (R-47)
Humbert of Romans, "Answers to Critics of Crusading” (R-49)

Mon. 11-14: The Late Middle Ages
Adelard of Bath, "Natural Questions" (R-50)
John of Salisbury, "The Well-Ordered Commonwealth" (R-51)
"The Advent of Table Manners" (R-52)
Cercamon, "Troubadour Love Song" (R-53)

Wed. 11-16: The Renaissance -- Humanism
Petrarch, "Reflections on the Times" (R-54)
Leonardo Bruni, "On Learning and Literature" (R-55)
Pico della Mirandola, "On the Dignity of Man" (R-56)
Leonardo da Vinci, "On the Arts" (R-57)

Mon. 11-21: Renaissance Ideas of Virtue
Castiglione, “The Courtier” (R-58)

Thanksgiving
Mon. 11-28: Colonialism and Slavery
Juan Gines de Sepulveda, “Just War in the Indies” (R-59)
Bartolomé de Las Casas, “On the Treatment of the Indians” (R-60)
Brother Luis Brandão, “Thoughts on the Slave Trade” (R-61)
Father António de Vieira, “Sermon on Slavery in Brazil” (R-62)

Wed. 11-30: The Reformation
Martin Luther, "Writings" (R-63)
Ulrich von Hutten, "Letter to the Elector of Saxony" (R-64)
Political cartoons (R-65)

Mon. 12-5: The Counterreformation and the Wars of Religion
Pope Adrian VI, "Instruction to the Papal Legate" (R-66)
Ignatius of Loyola, "Letters" (R-67)
Will Durant, "The Wars of Religion" (R-68)

Wed. 12-7: The Scientific Revolution
Nicolaus Copernicus, "On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres" (R-69)
Cardinal Bellarmine, "On the Copernican Theory" (R-70)
Will Durant, "Galileo's Trial" (R-71)

Mon. 12-12: Open Session