

WCV 101-05  
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TR 12:30-1:45

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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the growth of Western Civilization from its beginnings in the Mediterranean world of the Near East, Greece and Rome, through the Middle Ages, to its fruition in Early Modern Europe. Our study will include religion, the arts, politics, economic trends, social arrangements—human activity in all its variety. Our civilization in the twenty-first century has its roots in the past. Knowing these roots is one way of understanding the present world.

1. Required text: Marvin Perry *et al.*, Western Civilization, Ideas, Politics & Society Vol.I. This is available in paperback at the campus and Addams bookstores. All reading assignments are from this text.
2. Attendance: You are expected to attend class regularly. With 5 unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class. To be excused, you must contact me within 48 hours, by phone or e-mail. Most acceptable excuse: you are too ill to come to class.
3. Research projects/student presentation: you will sign up for one of these, to research a topic, and to either make an oral report or write a paper on it. Instructions are given with the list of topics.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one- hour tests, each worth 25%, student projects are 25%, and a final exam, which is 25% of your final grade. Study guides will be given to you for the tests and the exam. Note: I am always available for conferences. If my office hours don't suit your schedule, just ask: we will set up a mutually convenient time.
5. This class follows a lecture format, with some discussion sessions. It is very important to read your assignment before coming to class, and to take notes during class. Your questions are always welcome.

#### CLASS SCHEDULE

8/15: Introduction  
8/17-8/22: Chapter 1: The Ancient Near East  
8/24-8/29: Chapter 3: The Greek City-State  
8/31-9/1: Chapter 4: Greek Thought  
9/5-9/7: Chapter 5: The Hellenistic Age  
9/12: Student presentations: Chapters 1,3,4,5  
9/14-9/19: Chapter 6: The Roman Republic  
9/21-9/26: Chapter 7: The Roman Empire  
9/28: TEST  
10/3-10/5: Chapters 2 & 8: The Hebrews and Christianity  
10/10: NO CLASS. Fall break.  
10/12: Student presentations: Chapters 6,7,2,8  
10/7-10/19 Chapter 9: The Heirs of Rome

10/24-10/26: Chapter 10: The High Middle Ages  
10/31: TEST  
11/2: Chapter 11: The Flowering of Medieval Culture  
11/7-11/9: Chapter 12: The Late Middle Ages  
11/14: Student presentations: Chapters 9,10,11,12  
11/16: Chapter 13: The Renaissance  
11/21 and 11:28: Chapter 14: The Reformation  
11/23: NO CLASS. Thanksgiving.  
11/30: Student presentations: Chapters 13,14,15

Exam: 12/7 at 12 noon