

WCV 102-03
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MWF: 11-11:50

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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the growth of Western Civilization from The 17th century in early modern times up to the mid-20th century. 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 Volume II. 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 after missing class, 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 either to make an oral report or to 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

8/14: Introduction

Week of 8/14: Chapter 16, The Rise of Sovereignty.

Week of 8/21: Chapter 17, The Scientific Revolution

Week of 8/28: Chapter 18, The Age of the Enlightenment.

9/1: Reports on Louis XIV, Cromwell, Peter the Great, Newton, Galileo, Voltaire, Wollstonecraft.

Week of 9/4: Chapter 19, The French Revolution.

9/4: NO CLASS. Labor Day.

Week of 9/11: Chapter 20, Napoleon.

Week of 9/18: Chapter 21, The Industrial Revolution

9/18: Reports on Robespierre, the guillotine, Empress Josephine, Napoleon's political career, Napoleon the general, Code Napoleon, Mme de Pompadour, George III.

Week of 9/25: Chapter 22, Thought and Culture in the Early 19th Century.

Week of 10/2: Chapter 23, Europe, 1815-1848.

10/6: TEST

10/9: NO CLASS. Fall break.

10/11: Reports on Rousseau, Keats, Shelley, Wordsworth, de Tocqueville.

10/11-10/16: Chapter 24, Thought and Culture in the Mid-19th Century.

10/18: Reports on Darwin's life, his theory of evolution, Social Darwinism, Marx's life, his theory, Engels, Proudhon, Bakunin.

10/20-10/23: Chapter 25, The Surge of Nationalism.

10/25-10/27: Chapter 26, The Industrial West.

10/27: Reports on Bismarck and Garibaldi.

10/30-11/1: Chapter 27, Western Imperialism.

11/3: TEST.

11/6: Chapter 28: Modern Consciousness.

11/8-11/3: Chapter 29, World War I.

11/15-11/17: Chapter 30, Era of Totalitarianism.

11/27: Reports on Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Charles de Gaulle, Churchill, Mussolini, Hitler, Holocaust.

11/22 and 11/24: NO CLASSES. Thanksgiving.

11/27: Reports on warfare in World War II, Nietzsche, Freud, Einstein, Van Gogh, Picasso.

11/29-12/4: Chapter 32, World War II. (We're skipping chapter 31.)

Exam: 12/11 at 8 am.