

WESTERN CIVILIZATION 101-03

ANCIENT NEAR EAST TO EARLY-MODERN EUROPE

FALL 2011



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Course Description

This course is an interdisciplinary study of Western Civilization emphasizing critical developments from ancient to modern times.

Learning Outcomes

- Develop a firm grasp of key themes in Western Civilization.
- Write analytically using primary and secondary sources to support arguments.
- Understand the differences and similarities among ancient, medieval, and early-modern western cultures.

Books (required)

Greer, Thomas H., and Gavin Lewis. *A Brief History of the Western World, Volume I: To 1715*. 9th ed. Boston: Wadsworth Publishing, 2005. ISBN 13: 978-0-534-64237-2; ISBN 10: 0-534-64237-3.

Academic Integrity

You shall abide by UNCG's Academic Integrity Policy. Failure to do so will result in failing the class and a referral to the Dean of Students. For specific questions about UNCG's Academic Integrity Policy, please refer to <http://academicintegrity.uncg.edu/>

Class Notes

Selling or purchasing class notes for commercial gain in this course is a violation of the University's Copyright Policy and of the Student Code of Conduct. Sharing notes for studying purposes without commercial gain is not a violation.

Communication

Communication outside of class shall be conducted via UNCG email and Blackboard. Having an active UNCG email account and checking it regularly is required.

Attendance

A student who is not present to sign the attendance sheet when it circulates at the beginning of class will be marked absent. No students will be allowed to sign the sheet at the end of class. More than five absences will lower your Final Grade by one-third of a grade for each subsequent absence (that is, your sixth absence will cause a "B" to become a "B-," your seventh will make it a "C+," your eighth will make it a "C," etc.). Missing a total of 14 or more classes for any reason (one-third of the semester) will result in an automatic "F" for the course. Please use your five unpenalized absences wisely by saving them for emergencies or illness.

Grading Breakdown

Exam 1	20%	9/6/11	Week 3
Exam 2	20%	9/29/11	Week 6
Exam 3	20%	10/20/11	Week 9
Exam 4	20%	11/10/11	Week 12
Final Exam	20%	12/8/11	Week 16

Exams

Exams are not cumulative. Material from the lectures, the text book, and the primary sources will be tested.

Primary and Secondary Sources

Primary sources and related questions are located under Course Documents on Blackboard.

Schedule

Week 1

T	8/23/11	Western Civilization and History	
R	8/25/11	Mesopotamia	Greer, xiii-53

Week 2

T	8/30/11	Egypt	Greer, xiii-53
R	9/1/11	The Hebrews	Greer, xiii-53

Week 3

T	9/6/11	EXAM 1	
R	9/8/11	No Class	Fall Break

Week 4

T	9/13/11	Archaic Greece	Greer, 55-103
R	9/15/11	Classical Greece	Greer, 55-103

Week 5

T	9/20/11	Questioning Democracy	Greer, 55-103
R	9/22/11	The Hellenistic World	Greer, 55-103

Week 6

T 9/27/11 Primary and Secondary Source Day 1 Blackboard
R 9/29/11 **EXAM 2**

Week 7

T 10/4/11 Republican Rome Greer, 106-155
R 10/6 Imperial Rome Greer, 106-155

Week 8

T 10/11/11 The Spread of Christianity Greer, 157-184
R 10/13/11 The Decline of Rome Greer, 144-184

Week 9

T 10/18/11 Primary and Secondary Source Day 2 Blackboard
R 10/20/11 **EXAM 3**

Week 10

T 10/25/11 European Foundations Greer, 192-243
R 10/27/11 Byzantium and Islam Greer, 292-243

Week 11

T 11/1/11 Medieval Christianity Greer, 246-284
R 11/3/11 The High Middle Ages Greer, 246-287

Week 12

T 11/8/11 Primary and Secondary Source Day 3 Blackboard
R 11/10/11 **EXAM 4**

Week 13

T 11/15/11 Crises and Renaissance Greer, 291-362
R 11/17/11 The Age of Reformation Greer, 364-400

Week 14

T 11/22/11 From Ptolemy to Galileo Greer, 408-443
R 11/24/11 No class Thanksgiving

Week 15

T 11/29/11 Sugar and Spice Greer, 408-443
R 12/1/11 Primary and Secondary Source Day 4 Blackboard

Week 16

T 12/6/11 No class Exam Week
R 12/8/11 **FINAL EXAM** 3:30-6:30 pm