

WCV 101-05
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Petty 219
TR 9:30-10:45

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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. 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 and report on a topic. Instructions are given with the list of topics.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one- hour tests, each worth 20%, student projects are 20%, and final exam, which is 40% 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. 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

- 1/13 Introduction
- 1/15 Ch.1, first civilizations
- 1/20 Ch.3, Greece: the city-states
- 1/22 Ch.3, Greece: the Golden Age and its decline
- 1/27 Ch.4, Greek thought
- *1/29 Ch.4, Greek culture. Reports from First Civilizations .
- 2/3 Ch.5, Alexander the Great; the Hellenistic Age
- 2/5 Ch.6, Early Rome: rise of the Republic
- *2/10 Reports from Greek city-states, Greek thought, and Hellenistic age.
- 2/12 Ch.6, Republic in crisis; Julius Caesar
- 2/17 Ch.7, The Roman Empire: the Peace of Rome
- 2/19 Ch.7, Decline and fall of the Empire; the coming of the barbarians
- 2/24 TEST
- *2/26 Reports from Roman Republic and Roman Empire.
- 3/2 Chapters 2 and 8: Judaism and Christianity.

3/4 Ch.9, Byzantium, Islam.

SPRING BREAK

3/16 Ch.9, Charlemagne, feudalism

*3/18 Reports from Judaism, Christianity, Byzantium,etc.

3/23 Ch.10, the High Middle Ages; rise of states

3/25 Ch.10, Crusades, Innocent III

3/31 Ch.11, Medieval thought

4/1 TEST

4/6 Ch.12, Black Death; 100 Years War

*4/8 Reports from High Middle Ages. Ch.12 Medieval church in crisis.

*4/13 Reports from Medieval thought. Ch.13, Renaissance Europe

*4/15 Reports from Renaissance. Ch.13, Reformation

*4/20 Reports from Reformation and report on witchcraft. Ch.13, Reformation and Counter-reformation

4/22 Ch.15,European Expansion: the New World

4/29 Ch.16 France and England in the 17th century.

Exam: 5/6 at 8am