

His. 1213: Modern Western Civilization
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Office Hours: MWF 9 - 9:50AM; MW 12-12:50, TTh, 11:50AM -12:20PM; and by appointment.

This class surveys the history of Western civilization from the sixteenth century to the present. The aim of the class is to acquaint students with some broad themes as well as "basic information" (who/what/when/where) about Western history and culture. I do not assume any prior knowledge of the history of this broad period, but I do assume that students are acquainted with the fundamentals of European geography. If you are not, please study the color maps of contemporary Europe on the last two pages of your textbook.

Course Requirements

Your grade will be based on your performance on **three exams**. The first exam counts for **35%** of your course grade, the second exam **40%**, and the third exam **25%** of your final course grade. Each test will consist of "objective" questions (matching, multiple-choice, true-false, etc) on the lectures, documents, and occasionally the textbook. **Attendance** will only affect your grade directly if: 1) your course average is on the borderline between two grades. E.g.: if your average is between 79.01 and 79.49 and you have three or fewer absences, I will round it up to an 80 (a B-). If, however, you missed more than three classes, it remains a 79 (and hence a C+); 2). you miss twelve or more classes for any reason (except satisfactorily documented medical reasons); in that case, you will receive an automatic "F."

Classroom Etiquette

When you attend class, I expect you to observe the rudiments of civil behavior. **DO NOT** chat with friends, sleep, eat, drink, or use tobacco products in class; each of these is great annoyance to me and a distraction to your classmates. Do not consistently arrive late to class. Please do not bring children to class. Do not leave in the middle of class. If you have a legitimate reason to exit the classroom early, simply speak to me before class begins and I will direct you to sit near the door. **Cellular phones** ringing in class are VERY ANNOYING!!!! **Turn them off when you come to class.** The second time your phone rings during class you must leave for the day.

In short, observe good manners and consideration of me and others. Students who persist in disrupting the course via the above-mentioned actions can expect ejection and/or a lowering of their final grade.

Dropping the Course

Regardless of your grade, you may drop the course as long as you do so on or before Friday, 7 November; you will receive a "W", which has no effect on your Grade Point Average. However, if you drop after 7 November and your quiz average is lower than 59.5 (passing), you will receive an "F."

Missed Quizzes and Makeups

If you fail to show up for a quiz but have notified me at least an hour ahead of time, I will permit you to make it up as soon as I can accommodate you. However, if you miss an exam without letting me know at least one hour beforehand, you will have to make it up on the one date I set aside for all my classes, Friday, 5 December at 1 PM (my office). You may NOT make up more than one quiz.

Students With Disabilities

If any student feels he or she has a disability, please notify me immediately and I will be happy to make the necessary accommodations.

Reading Schedule

Your text is Mark Kishlansky et al., *A Brief History of Western Civilization*, 3rd edition (Longman, 2002), although the only chapters relevant to this class are numbers 13 through 30. Below you will find the subjects for each exam, along with appropriate text chapters. Also note that there are web sites at the end of each chapter and I will call upon you to download some primary sources therefrom and / or go to the library reserve room and photocopy them for discussion in class. Remember, this is a tentative schedule and I may have to alter the readings, subjects, and exam (first and second only) dates; if so, you will receive ample notice. The date and time of the third exam cannot be changed.

- I. The Early Modern Period, c.1350 to c.1800
 - A. The Protestant and Catholic Reformations (chap. 13)
 - B. The Rise of the Modern State (chaps. 14, 16)
 - C. The Scientific Revolution (chap. 17)
 - D. The Enlightenment (chap. 19)

First Exam: Monday, 6 October.

- II. Modern European History (1): The Age of Revolution, 1789 to 1848
 - A. The French Revolution (chap. 20)
 - B. The Industrial Revolution (chap. 21)
 - C. Revolution and Counterrevolution, 1815-1848. (chap. 22)

Second Exam: Wednesday, 12 November.

- III. Modern European History (2): Wars and Crises, 1914-1945.
 - A. World War I, 1914 - 1918 (chap. 25; chap. 26, pp. 584 - 602)
 - B. Socialism, Fascism and the Crises of the Inter-war Years, 1920 - 1939 (chap.26, pp. 602 - 607; chap. 27)
 - C. World War II, 1939 - 1945 (chap 28, pp. 638 - 659.)
- IV. Modern European History (3): Europe and the World Since 1945
 - A. The Cold War, 1945 - 1989 (chap. 28, pp. 659 - 666; chap. 29)
 - B. Europe and the World Since 1989 (chap. 30)

Third Exam: Wednesday, 10 December 11AM - 12:50 PM

Inclement Weather

During times of bad weather, N.S.U. has pledged to decide by 6:00 AM whether or not classes will be held. Consult the following media. Tulsa radio: KRMG (740 AM); KAYI (107 FM); KV00 (1170 AM). Muskogee radio: KBIX (1490 AM); KMMY (970FM). Tahlequah radio: KTLQ (1350 AM); KEOK (102 FM). Television: KJRH, ch. 2; KOTV, ch. 6; KTUL, ch. 8; Tahlequah cable channel 99.