

His. 1113: Early Western Civilization
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TTh, 9:30 - 10:45AM
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Office Hours: MWF 9-9:50AM; MW 12-12:50PM; TTH 10:50AM-12:20PM; and by appointment.

This class surveys the history of Western civilization from earliest times to approximately 1600. 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 lack this knowledge, study the color maps of Europe on the last pages of your text.

Course Requirements

You will be evaluated based on your performance on seven quizzes, each worth ten percent of your course grade, and a final exam worth thirty percent. I will not drop any of your quiz scores; however, if you are satisfied with your quiz grades, you do not have to take the final exam and your course grade will be based exclusively on your quiz average. The **quizzes and exams** will be "objective" in format (multiple choice, true/false, etc.). I will draw the questions primarily from the lectures, but some may come from the text. All quiz dates are tentative, but the final exam date is fixed. If necessary, I will notify you promptly of any changes. **Attendance** will affect your grade only if: 1) your course average borders between XX.01 and XX.49. E.g.: 79.01 to 79.49 = 80 if you missed two or fewer classes, 79 if three or more; 2) you have eight or more absences **for any reason** (except satisfactorily documented medical reason). In that case you will automatically receive an "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. In short, observe good manners and consideration of me and others. Note that I find **cellular phones** that ring during class **EXTREMELY ANNOYING** and expect you to **TURN THEM OFF** when you enter the classroom. The second time your phone rings during class I will instruct you to leave for the day. 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 and still receive a "W" (a grade of "W" has no negative impact on your Grade Point Average) as long as you do so on or before Friday, 7 November. If you drop after that date, I will give you a "W" only if your quiz average is 59.5 or above; if it is lower, you will receive an "F."

Missed Exams and Makeups

If you fail to show up for 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 a quiz 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 1PM (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 ed., (Longman, 2002). It should be available at the N.S.U. bookstore. Below you will find the background reading chapters that correspond to the course outline. Be sure and pay attention to all illustrations and maps, and remember to bring your text to class every day.

- I. The Ancient World to c. 500 A.D.
 - A. Prehistory and the Ancient Near East to c. 500 B.C.
 - 1. Chapter 1.
 - B. Greek History to c.336 B.C.
 - 1. Chapter 2; chapter 3, pp. 50 - 65.
 - C. The Hellenistic Age, c. 336 to 30 B.C.
 - 1. Chapter 3, pp. 65 - 72.
 - D. The Roman Republic, c.509 to 31 B.C.
 - 1. Chapter 4; chapter 5, pp. 96 - 106.
 - E. The Roman Empire, 27 B.C. to c. 500 A.D.
 - 1. Chapter 5, pp. 106 - 112; chapter. 6.
- II. The Middle Ages, c. 500-c.1500
 - A. The Early Middle Ages, c. 500 to c. 900.
 - 1. Chapters 7, 8.
 - B. The High Middle Ages, c. 900 to c. 1300.
 - 1. Chapter 9.
 - C. The Late Middle Ages, 1300 -1500.
 - 1. Chapter 10.
- III. The Early Modern Period, c.1350-c.1800
 - A. The Renaissance, c. 1350 to c. 1550.
 - 1. Chapter 11.
 - B. The Protestant and Catholic Reformations, c. 1500 to c. 1600.
 - 1. Chapter 13.

Quiz Schedule and Exam Schedule

You will have a quiz approximately **every other Thursday**. The tentative schedule is as follows: 28 August; 11 and 25 September; 9 and 23 October; 6 and 20 November. Your **final exam** will be on **Thursday, 11 December, 9AM - 10:50 AM.**

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.

