

History 102, Sections 1-12: Western Civilization Since 1648, Fall, 2003
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This course is designed to acquaint you, in at least fleeting fashion, with the most significant currents in the history of Western Europe and the areas of the globe which Europe came to dominate over the past three and a half centuries. Along the way we will address a wide range of themes--religion, economic development, political evolution, international relations, conflict, and, not least of all, social structures--as we survey such topics as Absolutism and Constitutionalism, European expansionism and imperialism, industrialization, nationalism, and modern totalitarianism, to mention only a few of the most important.

The course meets twice weekly for lectures, and an additional hour for discussion: lectures are held in ten Hoor room 125 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 to 11:50 am. ***Check your schedule to find the meeting place and time of your discussion section. Your attendance will be expected at both lectures and discussions. Attendance at lectures is not mandatory, but there is generally a strong correlation between attendance and performance on tests. We strongly recommend, therefore, that you make every attempt to attend lectures regularly. Attendance policy for your discussion sections will be determined by your Graduate Assistant.***

Texts:

The principal text is Jackson Spielvogel's *Western Civilization since 1550*, 5th edition, volume 2. It is supplemented by four additional readings: Margaret Jacobs, *The Enlightenment: A Brief History with Documents*; Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, Robert Roberts, *The Classic Slum: Salford Life in the First Quarter of the Century*, and Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*.

Tests and Grading:

There will be two hourly exams during the course of the semester, plus a final exam. Each of the hourly exams will constitute 15% of your final grade, the final 30%. The remaining 40% of your grade will be determined by your performance in discussion section, and on quizzes and papers assigned by your Teaching Assistant. ***In other words, if you don't attend your discussion section, you will fail this course.*** Your Teaching Assistant will distribute a separate syllabus for your Discussion Section that will contain information on assignments, office hours, attendance policy, and other matters.

The two hourly examinations are scheduled for Thursday, 18 September and Thursday, 23 October. The final examination is scheduled for Monday, 8 December from 8:00-10:30 a.m. in 125 ten Hoor. Students missing a scheduled test may take a make-up upon furnishing a doctor's statement or similar official excuse for their absence.

Office Hours:

If you are having trouble mastering the course material or have questions about anything related to the class, we urge you to arrange an appointment with your Teaching Assistant.

Disability Access Statement:

To request disability accommodations, please contact Disability Services (348-4285). After initial arrangements are made with office, contact me.

Academic Misconduct:

As directed by the guidelines of the College of Arts and Sciences, I will report any cases of Academic misconduct to the Chair of the Department of History, who will forward them to the Assistant Dean in charge of student affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences. ***Academic misconduct includes all forms of cheating, plagiarism, and attempts to tamper with grade records.***

Lecture Topics and Reading Assignments:

Week One (Aug. 21)

- 1) Background: Europe in the early modern era; European expansion; the Reformation and Wars of Religion

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 336-408

Week Two (Aug. 26, 28)

- 2) The Origins of Absolutism: Royal centralization versus feudal dispersal; The Rise of Absolutism in France

- 3) Absolutism in Eastern Europe: the Rise of Prussia and Russia

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 408-424; Jacobs, pp. 1-50

Week Three (Sept. 2, 4)

- 4) The English Exception: the origins of Constitutional Monarchy

- 5) The Scientific Revolution

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 424-453; Jacobs, pp. 50-93, 114-137

Week Four (Sept. 9, 11)

- 6) The Enlightenment

- 7) Mercantilism, Enlightened Absolutism, and the 'Second Hundred Years' War'

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 453-506; Jacobs, pp. 137-208

Week Five (Sept. 16, 18)

- 8) European Society in the Early Modern Era

******First Hourly Exam, Thursday, Sept. 18******

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 507-520

Week Six (Sept. 23, 25)

- 9) The American Revolution

- 10) The French Revolution, 1789-99

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 522-544; Marx and Engels, pp. 1-49

Week Seven (Sept. 30, Oct. 2)

- 11) The Napoleonic Era, 1799-1815

- 12) The Industrial Revolution

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 545-577; Marx and Engels, pp. 50-96

Week Eight (Oct. 7, 9)

- 13) The Congress of Vienna; Nationalism, Romanticism, Revolution

- 14) British Constitutionalism in the 19th Century

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 579-609; Roberts, pp. 1-74

Week Nine (Oct. 14, 16)

- 15) The Era of National Unification, 1850-1871

- 16) An Era of Materialism; the Origins of Modern Science

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 611-640; Roberts, pp. 75-185

Week Ten (Oct. 21, 23)

- 17) The Rise of Modern Society

******Second Hourly Exam, Thursday, Oct. 23******

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 642-690; Roberts, pp. 186-251

Week Eleven (Oct. 28, 30)

- 18) The 'New Imperialism'

- 19) The European State System and the Origins of World War One, 1871-1914

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 690-709

Week Twelve (Nov. 4, 6)

- 20) World War One
- 21) The Russian Revolution and Stalin

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 709-733, 758-760; Browning, pp. 1-77

Week Thirteen (Nov. 11, 13)

- 22) Versailles and After
- 23) The Rise of Fascism and Nazism

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 733-758, 760-769; Browning, pp. 78-142

Week Fourteen (Nov. 18, 20)

- 24) The Path To World War Two
- 25) World War Two

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 771-797; Browning, pp. 143-189

Week Fifteen (Nov. 25)

- 26) The Cold War

Thanksgiving Holiday, November 27

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 797-810

Week Sixteen (Dec. 2, 4)

- 27) The Collapse of the Soviet Union
- 28) Today and Tomorrow

Readings: Spielvogel, pp. 810-867