

HISTORY 2311
Western Civilization I

Western Texas College
Department of Social Sciences

- I. Basic Course Information
 - A. Course description--A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, religious, and intellectual history of Europe and the Mediterranean world from human origins to the 17th century. Themes that should be addressed in Western Civilization I include the cultural legacies of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Byzantium, Islamic civilizations, and Europe through the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation.
 - B. Prerequisites--Students should have a proficiency in reading and writing.
- II. Student Learning Outcomes. Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
 - A. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
 - B. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
 - C. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, and cultural forces on this period of western history.
- III. Major Course Requirements
 - A. Exams. There will be 3-5 major exams spaced throughout the semester. Exam questions may include any combination of the following: true/false, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, short answer, maps, and essay.
 - B. Writing Assignments. There will be multiple writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
 - C. Collaborative Exercises. There will be several collaborative exercises spaced throughout the semester. Each of these assignments will require you to work with your peers analyzing documents, articles, and other information relating to the study of history.
- IV. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
 - A. Western Civilizations Vol. 1 by Joshua Cole and Carol Symes; Publisher: WW Norton ISBN: 978-0-393-61488-6
- V. Other Policies: Please refer to the WTC Course [Catalog](#) for the following:
 - A. Campus Calendar
 - B. Final Exam schedule
 - C. How to drop a class
 - D. Withdrawal information
 - E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
 - F. Students with disabilities.
 - G. Departmental Policy in regard to make-up/late work: Late papers will be penalized 10 points per day. After 5 days the grade turns to an automatic "0".

VI. Course Organization & Tentative Schedule*

Week	Topics
Week 1	Earliest Beginnings
Week 2	Mesopotamia
Week 3	Egypt
Week 4	Israel and Greece
Week 5	Greece
Week 6	Hellenistic Civilization
Week 7	Rome
Week 8	Christianity and Rome
Week 9	Byzantium and Islam
Week 10	The High Middle Ages
Week 11	The High Middle Ages
Week 12	The Later Middle Ages
Week 13	European Expansion
Week 14	The Renaissance
Week 15	The Reformation

*The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change.

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