

**HISTORY 2312**  
**Western Civilization II**  
**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 the 17th century to the modern era. Themes that should be addressed in Western Civilization II include absolutism and constitutionalism, the growth of nation-states, the Enlightenment, revolutions, classical liberalism, industrialization, imperialism, global conflict, the Cold War, and globalism.
- B. *Prerequisites:* The student should have 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 three (3) to five (5) major exams spaced throughout the semester. Exam questions may include any combination of the following: True/False; Multiple Choice; Fill-in-the-Blank; Short Answer; and Essays.
- B. *Departmental Map Test:* There will be one departmental map test this semester. It will cover significant places associated with the time period addressed in Western Civilization II.
- C. *Writing Assignments:* There will be multiple writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
- D. *Collaborative Exercises:* There will be multiple collaborative exercises spaced throughout the semester. Each of these assignments will require the student to work with their peers analyzing and/or discussing documents, articles, and other information related to the time period addressed in Western Civilization II.

**IV. Textbook Information**

- A. *Western Civilizations*, Vol. 2, by Joshua Cole and Carol Symes, Brief 5th edition  
ISBN-13 #: 978-0-393-41904-7

**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 and Academy Integrity
- F. Students with Disabilities

**VI. Course Organization**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading Assignments</b>
The New Science of the Seventeenth Century	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 16
Europe during the Enlightenment	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 17
The French Revolution	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 18
The Industrial Revolution and Nineteenth-Century Society	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 19
The Age of Ideologies: Europe in the Aftermath of Revolution, 1815-1848	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 20
Revolutions and Nation-Building, 1848-1871	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 21
Imperialism and Colonialism, 1870-1914	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 22
Modern Industry and Mass Politics, 1870-1914	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 23
The First World War	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 24
Turmoil between the Wars	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 25
The Second World War	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 26

The Cold War World: Global Politics, Economic Recovery, and Cultural Change	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 27
Red Flags and Velvet Revolutions: The End of the Cold War, 1960-1990	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 28
A World without Walls: Globalization and the West	<i>Western Civilizations</i> , Chapter 29

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