

**HIST 1003: Western Civilization I**  
**University of Arkansas, Fall 2009**  
**Section 001: MWF, 8:30-9:20am, JB Hunt, 0148**  
**Section 002: MWF, 9:30-10:20am, JB Hunt, 0148**

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**Introduction and Scope of the Course**

The study of history offers students the ability to develop important intellectual skills. History students will gain a political and cultural awareness that leads to a deeper appreciation of news, literature, art, and music. Further, the study of history will help students understand the complex multicultural environment of the nation and the world.

This course examines Western Civilization roughly from the beginning of humankind through the “Age of Discovery” in the sixteenth century. We will cover the western world chronologically looking at themes such as politics, society, economics, religion, and culture.

**Texts**

Kishlansky, et. al., *A Brief History of Western Civilization: The Unfinished Legacy, Vol. 1, to 1715* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.) This text is optional.

Kishlansky, ed., *Sources of the West: Readings in Western Civilization* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.)  
Required.

Horrox, ed., *The Black Death*. Required.

**Grading**

Exams (80, 100, and 120 pts.): 300 pts.

Quizzes (6 @ 20 pts. each) 120 pts.

Writing Assignment (100 pts.) 100 pts.

Attendance 30 pts.

Total Points: 550 pts.

90% of 550 pts. and above (A); 80-89% (B); 70-79% (C); 60-69% (D); 59% and below (Fail)

### Attendance

A sign-up sheet will be passed around each class day. Do not sign in for someone that is not present—you will be caught and punished accordingly. Anyone with **three or more absences** will lose five points (out of 30 pts.) per absence. Those students with **two or less absence(s)** will receive the full 30 points.

### Exams

Exams will consist of multiple-choice questions. Students will need to bring a Scantron form and No. 2 pencil to class on exam days. Exam questions will come strictly from lecture material. To do well, it is essential that students regularly attend class. The final exam will not be comprehensive.

Cell phones are not allowed during exams; they must be silenced or turned off. The instructor will keep time and let students know how much time is remaining. If a student is caught using a cell phone during a test, he/she will receive an “F” on the test.

Do not miss exams. Students missing an exam due to an authorized university function (athletics, band, etc.) must tell the instructor in advance of their absence. Only authorized excuses will be accepted for missing an exam. The instructor will judge the legitimacy of all other excuses. A note from your mother or roommate, for example, is not an authorized excuse. **Students who miss one exam (not both) with an authorized excuse will take a make-up on the day of the final exam, in the time allotted, no exceptions.**

### Quizzes

Quiz material will come from Kishlansky, ed., *Sources of the West*.

### Writing Assignment

The writing assignment will cover the book *The Black Death*. The instructor will discuss the assignment and his expectations in class.

### Classroom Conduct and Academic Honesty (Very Important)

Students are expected to be civil and respectful during class. Arriving late or leaving early are distracting; please be on time and do not leave before the end of class unless you notify me in advance. Do not talk during class, sleep, or use cell phones for calls or text messaging. You may use a laptop for taking notes as long as you do not distract your peers by using the internet or playing games. I tend to roam the room when I lecture, so even if you are seated in the back of the room, I can make certain these guidelines are followed.

Plagiarism and cheating on paper assignments, quizzes, or exams are serious offenses and will be treated as such. Cases of academic dishonesty will result in a ZERO on the assignment; repeat offenders will receive an “F” in the class and will be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs. For University of Arkansas policies relating to academic honesty and the disciplinary process, see the College catalog. **In certain circumstances, students can be expelled from the University of Arkansas for violations of academic honesty.**

### **Extra Credit**

There is no extra credit in this course.

### **Office Hours, Contacting Me, etc.**

Students are always welcome to talk with me during my office hours. I will be happy to give advice or assist students in any way. Please do not ask me for lecture notes. Students are responsible for taking notes or obtaining their peers' notes if necessary. If a student cannot meet during my office hours, they can email me and we will set up an alternate time to meet. Email is the best method to contact me. If any issues arise or a student needs to notify me of an impending absence, please contact me ASAP. For example, it will not do any good to contact me the day of the final exam to discuss your failing course grade.

### **Late Policy**

Lateness is sometimes an unforeseen incident and is understandable. Please do not make a habit of it, as it disrupts both the instructor and other students. If a student knows that there will be a continual problem with lateness, they should consult the instructor immediately.

### **Disabilities**

Students with learning and/or physical disabilities who need special accommodations should contact the Center for Educational Access. The Center will then inform me of your needs.

### **Weather**

The university weather policy is available online via the university website. If the university buses are running, class will meet. If the instructor cannot make it to class, an email will be sent out.

### **Success**

For the most part, there are certain things students can do to increase their chances of success in this course.

1) Attend all classes and take notes. This is a simple method to stay focused and on top of lecture materials. Since the exam content is based on lecture material, attendance and detailed notes will be critical to your success.

2) Study in advance of test day. Do not wait until the night before. Make your study load manageable.

3) See the instructor ASAP if something is unclear or a problem arises. Do not let problems or questions linger. See me immediately so we have time to work out the situation, whatever it may be.

**The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule at his discretion.**

<b><u>Week</u></b>	<b><u>Lecture Material</u></b>	<b><u>Assignments (all quizzes and exams will be administered on Fridays unless otherwise noted)</u></b>
1.) 24-28 Aug.	Introduction; Ancient Near East	
2.) 31 Aug-4 Sept.	Hebrews, Assyrians, Persia	<b>Quiz 1</b>
3.) 9-11 Sept ( <b>No Class Monday</b> )	Greeks	
4.) 14-18 Sept.	Hellenistic World	<b>Quiz 2</b>
5.) 28 Sept.-2 Oct.	Roman Republic	<b>Exam 1</b>
6.) 5-9 Oct.	Roman Empire	
7.) 12-16 Oct.	Rise of Christianity	<b>Quiz 3</b>
8.) 19-23 Oct.	Destruction of Rome	
9.) 26-30 Oct.	Byzantine Empire; Islam	<b>Exam 2</b>
10.) 2-6 Nov.	Early Middle Ages	
11.) 9-13 Nov.	High Middle Ages	<b>Quiz 4</b>
12.) 16-20 Nov.	Later Middle Ages	<b>Quiz 5</b>
13.) 23 Nov. ( <b>No class W-F</b> )	Renaissance	
14.) 30 Nov.-4- Dec.	Protestant, Roman Catholic Reformations	<b>Writing Assignment Due</b>
15.) 7 Dec. ( <b>Last Class</b> )	Europe and the World	<b>Quiz 6 (Monday)</b>
<b>Final Exams</b>	<u>Section 001</u> : 12 Dec., 7:30-9:30 <u>Section 002</u> : 10 Dec., 12:30-2:30	