Western Civilization I
1050-201

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Course Description:
This course surveys many of the important issues and events in the history of Western Civilization from its origins through the early modern period, including ancient Mesopotamia, classical Greece and Rome, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance. These include "civilization" and the rise of cities, different imaginings of god(s) and humanity, evolving forms of political organization, continuity and change in social organization and everyday life, and the ongoing dialogue of faith and reason.

**Learning outcomes:** Students will learn about the commonality and diversity among people and cultures across the globe and will be able to articulate answers to complex questions about other cultures and diverse groups, reflecting an awareness of diverse cultural and social group perspectives.

**Course Requirements:**

*Attendance* and *participation* in class is not only important, it is NECESSARY to successfully complete this course. Evaluation in this class is based not only lecture material but also on readings, which may or may not be overlapping. If you routinely skip class, this is NOT THE SECTION FOR YOU.

I also make use of email during the term, so you MUST CHECK YOUR UML EMAIL ACCOUNT REGULARLY. ALL CLASS CANCELLATIONS/SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED VIA EMAIL.

All PPT presentations as well as other instructional material and announcements/reminders will be posted to **BLACKBOARD**.

**Required Textbook:**
The LibraryGuide for this class is available at https://libguides.uml.edu/hist1050fogle

Assessment and Grading:

1. Two written exams (25% each): Exams are usually a mixture of multiple choice, fill in the blank, and short answer. Extra credit questions are always offered.
2. Two written source analysis assignments (25% each): Separate instruction sheets will be provided.
3. Grading rubric:
   - 93 and up=A
   - 90-92=A-
   - 87-89=B+
   - 83-86=B
   - 80-82=B-
   - etc.

Class schedule:

We will cover approximately one chapter every week, however this schedule is subject to change if we move slower or faster than I anticipated or if we have classes canceled due to illness/weather, etc. Please read the chapter in the textbook that corresponds with the lecture I am giving.

Important dates:
10/8: No class, Columbus Day
10/10: Assignment 1 Due
10/17: Mid-term Exam
11/21-23: Thanksgiving Break
11/26: Assignment #2 Due
Final Exam: TBD

**Grading policies:**

Make-up exams are given **ONLY** when there is a documented illness/family emergency. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late to an exam, you forfeit the right to take the exam. If you miss an exam, or fail to turn in an assignment, you receive a **ZERO**. Just one zero could result in course failure. Late assignments lose 10 points per day of lateness.

**THERE IS TO BE NO USE OF CELL PHONES/IPODS ETC. DURING CLASS...YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE—USE OF ANY DEVICE DURING AN EXAM WILL RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE PROVOST**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INSTRUCTOR MAY CHANGE THE SYLLABUS AT ANY TIME (YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES)**
Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is prohibited in all programs of the University. Sanctions may be imposed on any student who has committed an act of academic dishonesty. This includes any questionable activity during exams, or any use of another’s work on written assignments.

Students with Disabilities:

The University of Massachusetts Lowell is committed to serving all students with disabilities as defined by federal regulations. If you have a disability and are not yet being accommodated please contact the Office of Student Disability Services at disability@uml.edu to register for accommodations. If you are receiving accommodations please speak to me during office hours, or privately after class, as we want to protect your privacy, so that we can make appropriate arrangements to receive your classroom and testing accommodations. Please contact me as soon as possible to ensure that we can provide accommodations as the semester begins. Additionally Student Disability Services supports software for ALL students. Read&Write Gold is literacy software that allows you to read on-screen text aloud, research and check written work, and create study guides. You can download the software from the IT Software webpage on the UML website: https://www.uml.edu/IT/Services/Software/Read-Write-Gold.aspx