History of Western Civilization – 102

Spring 2017

CRN: 48486– Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-2:20 pm, F 113

Course Syllabus

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**Course Syllabus:** I view this syllabus as a contract between myself and the students. It lays out the expectations I have for students enrolled in the class and what they should expect from the class. If you have any questions regarding the class, please feel free to contact me via e-mail, office hours or after class.

**Required Text:** *The West in the World*, Fifth Edition; *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks(There is a copy of *The West in the World* on reserve in the library)

**Course Goals and Objectives:** This is a survey course in Western Civilization from approximately 1300-1800. This course will not cover all the events that took place in Western Civilization during that time period, but will deal with major events: the Bubonic Plague, the Renaissance, the Protestant Reformation, the Age of Reason, European expansion, and the French Revolution. The course will also cover Western Civilization from a social, political, economic and cultural perspective as time, and course material, allow. I hope that this course will encourage you to take other history courses, and that history is fascinating, even if you always thought it was “boring.”

**Course Format:** This will be a lecture and discussion course that will use the text, *The West in the World*, as an outline for the course. The lectures will expand on material from the text, along with video documentaries. There also will be homework approximately every week according to the schedule that follows. There is an assignment from the novel, *Year of Wonders,* and there are two, non-comprehensive, multiple choice exams.

**Grades:** The grades are broken down in the following manner:

35% Exam #1 – Tuesday, May 9

35% Exam #2 – Tuesday, June 13 @ 2:30 pm

15% *Year of Wonders*– Tuesday, May 16 in class

15% In-class readings and discussions

I use the standard grading system.

**Course Requirements:**

1. There is assigned reading from the text *The West in the World*. You are expected to keep up with the reading according to the schedule that follows on the next page. I want you to actively read the text, not just skim the text while binge watching your favorite show. (For every hour you spend in class, it is expected, in college, that you will spend two hours outside of class studying.)

2. Approximately every week, we will have approximately 20 minutes of discussion based on reading and questions that have been assigned from the text. You are expected to read and answer the questions that have been assigned according to the schedule that follows. Your homework is to answer the questions (typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, one inch margins). Each answer should be at least two sentences long, and you are to turn your answers to the questions in after our discussion of the questions in class. Remember your homework answers are an academic work, so please use spell check, capitalize the letter I, no abbreviations, capitalize proper nouns, and spell out your numbers according to standard grammar. **You may NOT turn your homework in late, but I will drop one homework assignment with the lowest grade from your homework total**.

3. There will be two, non-comprehensive, multiple choice exams. Each exam will be approximately 75-100 questions in length, and you will have the whole class period to take the exam. There will be a review for each exam in the class period before the exam. If you are not in class, you will not have access to the review. The first exam will be on Tuesday, May 9. The second exam will take place during our assigned final exam time which is Tuesday, June 13 at 2:30 pm. Both of the exams will take place in our assigned classroom. **Both of the exams must be taken in order to pass this course. I will not give make-up exams except for extenuating circumstances: influenza, hospitalization, child-birth, etc… Please contact me if you will not be able to take the exam, as soon as possible.**

4. There will be an assignment based on the work, *Year of Wonders.*  This assignment will consist of a series of questions to be answered and turned in during our class on Tuesday, May 16.  Your answers should be typed, using 12 point font with one inch margins.  We will discuss the questions you have answered in class on May 16, and this discussion will account for approximately 50% of your grade for this assignment.  There will be a handout further explaining this assignment.

5. I expect everyone to treat each other and myself with respect. This means allowing differing opinions, the raising of hands, and the opportunity for everyone to speak. Also, to allow for a better learning environment, the only electronic devices allowed in the classroom are personal laptops that are to be used for note taking, not surfing the web, updating your Facebook page, watching YouTube or playing solitaire**. Please turn off cell phones**, pagers and any personal listening devices, a.k.a. iPods.

**Disability Services:** Disability Services is located in Health Occupations, Room 105, #917-4789. If you have any special accommodations, or think that you may need special accommodations, please contact the instructor after class.

**Campus Security:** 917-4440

**Weather:** Please make sure to check the Linn-Benton website in case the campus is closed or is starting late due to the weather.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

WEEK ONE (4/2-4/8):

TUESDAY – INTRODUCTION & BEGIN LECTURE

THURSDAY **- READ CHAPTER 9 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD;* HOMEWORK DUE: P. 268 (AGNOLO) & P. 287 (VLAD DRACULA)**

WEEK TWO (4/9-4/15):

TUESDAY– CONTINUE CHAPTER 9

THURSDAY- **READ CHAPTER 10 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD*; HOMEWORK DUE: p. 296 (BIOGRAPHY OF ISABELLA D’ESTE) & p. 298 (PRINTING PRESS)**

WEEK THREE (4/16-4/22):

TUESDAY– CONTINUE CHAPTER 10

THURSDAY – **READ CHAPTER 11 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD*; HOMEWORK DUE: P. 326 (GUNPOWDER) & P. 331 (GERMANS)**

WEEK FOUR (4/23-4/29):

TUESDAY – CONTINUE CHAPTER 11

THURSDAY- **READ CHAPTER 12 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD;* HOMEWORK DUE: P. 366 (AMERIGO VESPUCCI) & P. 373 (INCA*)***

WEEK FIVE (4/30-5/6):

TUESDAY-CONTINUE CHAPTER 12

THURSDAY – **REVIEW FOR EXAM #1**

WEEK SIX (5/7-5/13):

TUESDAY – **EXAM #1**

THURSDAY - **READ CHAPTER 13 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD***; **HOMEWORK DUE: P. 395 (BISHOP) & P. 408 (INDIA)**

WEEK SEVEN (5/14-5/20):

TUESDAY – ***YEAR OF WONDERS* ASSIGNMENT DUE IN CLASS AND IN CLASS DISCUSSION**

THURSDAY - CONTINUE CHAPTER 13

WEEK EIGHT (5/21-5/27):

TUESDAY – **READ CHAPTER 14 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD***

THURSDAY – **HOMEWORK DUE: P. 430 (KEPLER) & P. 431 (NEWTON)**

WEEK NINE (5/28-6/3):

TUESDAY – **READ CHAPTER 15 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD***

THURSDAY - **HOMEWORK DUE: P. 455 (SERFS) & P. 465 (EQUIANO)**

WEEK TEN (6/4-6/10):

TUESDAY - **READ CHAPTER 16 *THE WEST IN THE WORLD***

THURSDAY – **REVIEW FOR EXAM #2**

WEEK ELEVEN (6/11-6/17):

**EXAM #2 – TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 2:30 PM**

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