HIST 102-500: Western Civilization since 1660
Fall 2009
M, W 4:10-5:25PM 105 Harrington Education Center (HECC)

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Course Description:
This course is an introduction to the History of Western Civilization since 1660. Throughout the semester, we will: question the idea of “Western Civilization;” explore the development of European societies on the European continent and in the Caribbean, the Americas, Africa, and Asia; analyze the growth of industrialization throughout the Western hemisphere; examine the legacy of colonialism and imperialism, and; analyze the consequences of war and reconstruction on these areas during the twentieth-century.

Prerequisites:
None

Core Objectives for Language, Philosophy and Culture Foundational Component Area

Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information)

Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication)

Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities)

Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making)
Student Learning Outcomes:
Through this course, students will be able to:

1) evaluate and synthesize primary and secondary historical writings related to the history of Western Civilization since 1660.

2) express their own ideas effectively in written and oral form.

3) identify historical and social contexts that created diversity in the past history of Western Civilization and in present-day human cultures.

4) apply knowledge about the human condition— in the past and present— to their personal lives and studies.

Required Readings:


Attendance Policy:
I expect you to come to class prepared and ready to actively engage. I will handle all absences and work related to them in accordance with TAMU Student Rules: Attendance (http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07)
Evaluation:
10%: Class Participation: This course is structured around lecture and weekly discussion. I will lecture for 50 minutes each session. We will spend the final 25 minutes of each session in small group discussion. Discussion will be based on primary source documents that you are expected to read by the time of the discussion period to which you are assigned (Monday – Groups A & B or Wednesday – Groups C & D). The success of our discussions requires that you come to class prepared and ready to actively engage with the material and other students. Only respectful exchange will be tolerated. Your attendance at and thoughtful participation in discussion section will constitute your class participation grade. Attendance will be taken.

20%: Ten chapter quizzes: You must complete ten multiple choice chapter quizzes via Texas A & M University’s Blackboard/eLearning class site. (http://elearning.tamu.edu).

20%: Two 750-word essays: You must complete two 750-word essays based on primary sources that we will discuss during our small group sections. Essay #1 (worth 10%) will be due at the beginning of class on Wednesday, September 30th and Essay #2 (worth 10%) will be due at the beginning of class on Monday, November 9th, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. If you turn in an essay late due to an unexcused absence, you will lose half a letter grade for each 24-hour period it is late.

25%: Midterm Exam: This exam will include multiple-choice, short answer, and a choice of essay questions. All students will be required to take the exam in class on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 unless other arrangements have been made in advance. Students may reschedule an exam if they have a University-approved excuse and can provide appropriate documentation. Please see TAMU student rules: Attendance (http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07)

25%: Final Exam: This exam will include multiple-choice, short answer, and a choice of essay questions dealing with material covered since the midterm. You will be required to take the exam or Monday, December 14th, 3:30PM-5:30PM, the time scheduled by the University, unless you have a University-approved excuse and can provide appropriate documentation. Please see TAMU student rules: Attendance (http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07)

ADA - Students with Disabilities:
The Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal anti-discrimination law that provides civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this law requires that students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If a student believes that they have a disability requiring accommodation, they should contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, in Cain Hall (campus phone 845-1637). For additional information visit http://disability.tamu.edu

Academic Integrity:

**Grading Scale (by percentage):**

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**Topics and Assignments**

**Week #1:**

M, 8/31  **What is Western Civilization?**
Introductions/Hand out syllabus

W, 9/2  **Chapter 17: The Atlantic System and Its Consequences, 1690-1740 (1)**
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 17 Lualdi

**Week #2:**

M, 9/7  **Chapter 17: The Atlantic System and Its Consequences, 1690-1740 (2)**
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 17 Lualdi

W, 9/9  **Chapter 18: The Promise of Enlightenment, 1740-1789 (1)**
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 18 Lualdi

**Week #3:**

M, 9/14  **Chapter 18: The Promise of Enlightenment, 1740-1789 (2)**
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 18 Lualdi

W, 9/16  **Chapter 19: The Cataclysm of Revolution, 1789-1799 (1)**
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 19 Lualdi

**Week #4:**

M, 9/21  **Chapter 19: The Cataclysm of Revolution, 1789-1799 (2)**
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 19 Lualdi

W, 9/23  **Chapter 20: Napoleon and the Revolutionary Legacy, 1800-1830 (1)**
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 20 Lualdi
Week #5:

M, 9/28  Chapter 20: Napoleon and the Revolutionary Legacy, 1800-1830 (2)  
         Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 20 Lualdi

W, 9/30  Paper #1 due at the beginning of class  
         Chapter 21: Industrialization and Social Ferment, 1830-1850 (1)  
         Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 21 Lualdi

Week #6:

M, 10/5  Chapter 21: Industrialization and Social Ferment, 1830-1850 (2)  
         Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 21 Lualdi

W, 10/7  Chapter 22: Politics and Culture of the Nation-State, c. 1850-1870 (1)  
         Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 22 Lualdi

Week #7:

M, 10/12 Chapter 22: Politics and Culture of the Nation-State, c. 1850-1870 (2)  
          Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 22 Lualdi

W, 10/14 IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAM

Week #8:

M, 10/19 Chapter 23: Industry, Empire, and Everyday Life, 1870-1890 (1)  
          Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 23 Lualdi

W, 10/21 Chapter 23: Industry, Empire, and Everyday Life, 1870-1890 (2)  
          Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 23 Lualdi

Week #9:

M, 10/26 Chapter 24: Modernity and the Road to War, c. 1890-1914 (1)  
          Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 24 Lualdi

W, 10/28 Chapter 24: Modernity and the Road to War, c. 1890-1914 (2)  
          Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 24 Lualdi

Week #10:

M, 11/2  Chapter 25: World War I and Its Aftermath, 1914-1929 (1)  
          Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 25 Lualdi

W, 11/4  Chapter 25: World War I and Its Aftermath, 1914-1929 (2)
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 25 Lualdi

Week #11:

M, 11/9  Paper #2 due at the beginning of class
Chapter 26: The Great Depression and World War II, 1929-1945 (1)
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 26 Lualdi

W, 11/11 Chapter 26: The Great Depression and World War II, 1929-1945 (2)
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 26 Lualdi

Week #12:

M, 11/16  Chapter 27: The Cold War and the Remaking of Europe, 1945-1960s
(1)
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 27 Lualdi

W, 11/18  Chapter 27: The Cold War and the Remaking of Europe, 1945-1960s
(2)
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch 27 Lualdi

Week #13:

M, 11/23  Chapter 28: Postindustrial Society & the End of the Cold War Order,
1960s-1989 (1)
Groups A & B: Discussion Ch. 28 Lualdi

W, 11/25  NO CLASS-THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week #14:

M, 11/30  Chapter 28: Postindustrial Society & the End of the Cold War Order,
1960s-1989 (2)
Groups C & D: Discussion Ch. 29 Lualdi

W, 12/2  Chapter 29: A New Globalism, 1989 to the Present
NO DISCUSSION SECTIONS

FINAL EXAMINATION TO BE HELD MONDAY, December 14th, 3:30-5:30PM