History of Western Civilization 1

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Course Description:
This course gives students an overview of the major events and developments in European history, from ancient times to roughly 1650. The class offers covers a broad range of topics, divided into three major time frames. We will cover the ancient world from early civilizations, through the ancient Greek world, the Roman Republic, and the Roman Empire until the collapse of the Western Roman Empire. We will look at the creation of early “Europe” in the medieval era and the central place of religion throughout the period, and finally we will conclude the class by analyzing the emergence of a more “modern” mindset with the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the “Scientific Revolution.”

In this class, students will regularly practice their writing skills with three take-home exams and will have many opportunities to express their ideas in class discussions. In both the written assignments and the class discussions, students will develop their analytical skills by identifying the course readings’ main theses, supporting arguments, evidence, assumptions, and rhetorical strategies.

Learning Outcomes:
• Students will learn to:
  o Attain a broader understanding of important historical time periods in the development of the Western world
  o Analyze primary sources, place their authors and content into their historical context.
  o Be able to develop historical arguments synthesizing multiple historical events

Course Requirements:
1. Participation in class discussion. Students will be expected to read the assigned texts for each session to prepare for the primary source discussion. The discussion will help prepare you for the primary source quizzes.
2. Primary Source Quizzes, five online multiple-choice quizzes based on our primary source readings. The lowest quiz score will be dropped from the final grade.
3. Three take-home exams, 4-5 pages each.

Grading:
Participation: 15%
Primary Source Quizzes: 40% (10% each)
Exam 1: 15%
Exam 2: 15%
Exam 3: 15%
Grade scale is as follows:
A: 90 points and higher
B+: 87-89.99
B: 80-86.99
C+: 77-79.99
C: 70-76.99
D: 60-69.99
F: 59.99 and lower

Major Assignment Deadlines/Guidelines

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Required Books:
- The books are available at the University Book Store, and also from online retailers.
- The readings will also be available online through the publisher as a tailored package.

Attendance policy:
I will be taking attendance early in the semester, but mainly to help me learn your names. However, your participation during discussion is graded throughout the semester, so attendance is expected.
If you have any religious holidays that you plan to observe that will in any way affect your capabilities of completing the assignments on time, please get in touch with me early so we can discuss that and make plans to accommodate that.

Accommodation and Support Statement:
Rutgers University Newark (RU-N) is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students. RU-N has identified the following resources to further the mission of access and support:

- **For Individuals with Disabilities:** The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is responsible for the determination of appropriate accommodations for students who encounter barriers due to disability. Once a student has completed the ODS process (registration, initial appointment, and submitted documentation) and reasonable accommodations are determined to be necessary and appropriate, a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) will be provided. The LOA must be given to each course instructor by the student and followed up with a discussion. This should be done as early in the semester as possible as accommodations are not retroactive. More information can be found at ods.rutgers.edu. Contact ODS at (973) 353-5375 or via email at ods@newark.rutgers.edu.

- **For Individuals who are Pregnant:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance is available to assist with any concerns or potential accommodations related to pregnancy. Students may contact the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance at (973) 353-1906 or via email at TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu.

- **For Absence Verification:** The Office of the Dean of Students can provide assistance for absences related to religious observance, emergency or unavoidable conflict (e.g., illness, personal or family emergency, etc.). Students should refer to University Policy 10.2.7 for information about expectations and responsibilities. The Office of the Dean of Students can be contacted by calling (973) 353-5063 or emailing deanofstudents@newark.rutgers.edu.

- **For Individuals with temporary conditions/injuries:** The Office of the Dean of Students can assist students who are experiencing a temporary condition or injury (e.g., broken or sprained limbs, concussions, or recovery from surgery). Students experiencing a temporary condition or injury should submit a request using the following link: https://temporaryconditions.rutgers.edu.

- **For English as a Second Language (ESL):** The Program in American Language Studies (PALS) can support students experiencing difficulty in courses due to English as a Second Language (ESL) and can be reached by emailing PALS@newark.rutgers.edu to discuss potential supports.

- **For Gender or Sex-Based Discrimination or Harassment:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance can assist students who are experiencing any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking. Students can report an incident to the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance by calling (973) 353-1906 or emailing TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu. Incidents may also be reported by using the following link: tinyurl.com/RUNReportingForm. For more information, students should refer to the University’s Student Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, Stalking and Related Misconduct located at http://compliance.rutgers.edu/title-ix/about-title-ix/title-ix-policies/.

- **For support related to interpersonal violence:** The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance can provide any student with confidential support. The office is a confidential resource and does not have an obligation to report information to the University’s Title IX Coordinator. Students can contact the office by calling (973) 353-1918 or emailing run.vpva@rutgers.edu. There is also a confidential text-based line available to students; students can text (973) 339-0734 for support.
• **For Crisis and Concerns:** The Campus Awareness Response and Education (CARE) Team works with students in crisis to develop a support plan to address personal situations that might impact their academic performance. Students, faculty, and staff may contact the CARE Team by using the following link: tinyurl.com/RUNCARE or emailing careteam@rutgers.edu.

• **For Stress, Worry, or Concerns about Well-being:** The Counseling Center has confidential therapists available to support students. Students should reach out to the Counseling Center to schedule an appointment: counseling@newark.rutgers.edu or (973) 353-5805. If you are not quite ready to make an appointment with a therapist but are interested in self-help, check out TAO at Rutgers-Newark for an easy, web-based approach to self-care and support: https://tinyurl.com/RUN-TAO.

• **For emergencies,** call 911 or contact Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD) by calling (973) 353-5111.

**Policy on Academic Integrity (Cheating and Plagiarism):** Rutgers University treats cheating and plagiarism as serious offenses. Cheating is both a moral and an ethical offense. It violates both your own integrity and the ethics of group commitment: when you cut corners and cheat, you undermine those students who took the time to work on the assignment honestly. The standard minimum penalties for students who cheat or plagiarize include failure of the course, disciplinary probation, and a formal warning that further cheating will be grounds for expulsion from the University.

All students are required to sign the Rutgers Honor Code Pledge. **To receive credit, every assignment must have your signature under the following phrase:** “On my honor, I have neither received nor given any unauthorized assistance on this assignment.

Resist the urge to cut and paste, either literally or figuratively by using other people’s ideas. If I find that you have used other people's ideas (ex: Wikipedia, Amazon reviews, book jacket descriptions, etc.), I will not accept the assignment because I will not be able to consider it your own work. You will get a failing grade (0 points) for that assignment and will not be able to make it up.

For further information, please visit the university page on Academic Integrity: https://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu

**Course Website**
For this semester we will be using Canvas as our central online course management system. Please go to canvas.rutgers.edu to sign in with your NetID. All updates to the syllabus or schedule will go live on Canvas immediately.

**Technology Support/Resources for Students**
Technology LaunchPad: https://runit.rutgers.edu/technology-launch-pad/

- The new Technology LaunchPad is your place to find:
  - Student support, tutorials and documentation
  - Resources to help with internet connections both on and from off-campus
  - Computer recommendations, discounted and free software

Contact Info for the OIT - Newark Help Desk:
The OIT – Newark Help Desk offers IT support assistance to Faculty, Staff, and Students in a wide range of computer-related issues. Support is available via phone, web, email, or in person (not currently accepting walk-ins).

Topics and Schedule of Readings

Week 1: September 5th-September 11th

September 5th
Introduction

September 7th
Ancient Civilizations
The Making of the West, 8-26

Week 2: September 12th-September 18th

September 13th
Greek City States
The Making of the West, 44-74
The Book of Exodus, chapters 19-20 (Sources, 39)
Tyrtaeus of Sparta and Solon of Athens (Sources, 51)

September 15th
The Golden Age of Greece
The Making of the West, 77-89; 93-99; 104-108
Thucydides. The Funeral Oration of Pericles (Sources, 57)
Plato, The Apology of Socrates (Sources, 62)

Week 3: September 19th-September 25th

September 20th
The Hellenistic World
The Making of the West, 116-126; 131-139
Epicurus (Sources, 95)

September 22nd
The Roman Republic
The Making of the West, 150-171
The Twelve Tables (Sources, 101)
Plutarch, *The Gracchian Reforms* (*Sources*, 114)

**Week 4: September 26\(^{th}\)-October 2\(^{nd}\)**

*Primary Source Quiz 1 due by midnight Monday, September 26\(^{th}\)*

**September 27\(^{th}\)**

*The Roman Empire and the Birth of Christianity*

*The Making of the West*, 175-178; 182-188; 193-201

Tacitus, *Germania* (*Sources*, 131)

Paul of Tarsus, *Letter to the Galatians* (*Sources*, 134)

**September 29\(^{th}\)**

*Official Christianization and the Fall of the Western Empire*

*The Making of the West*, 202-206; 211-234

Arius, Letter to Alexander, Bishop of Alexandria & the Nicene Creed (*Sources*, 141)

**Week 5: October 3\(^{rd}\)-October 9\(^{th}\)**

**October 4\(^{th}\)**

*New Kingdoms in Western Europe*

*The Making of the West*, 262-276

Benedict of Nursia, *The Rule of St. Benedict* (*Sources*, 123)

Pope Gregory the Great, *Letters* (*Sources*, 172)

**October 6\(^{th}\)**

EXAM 1 Review session

**EXAM 1 DUE ON CANVAS ON OCTOBER 9\(^{th}\)**

**Week 6: October 10\(^{th}\)-October 16\(^{th}\)**

**October 11\(^{th}\)**

*Byzantium*

*The Making of the West*, 236-241; 257-262

Procopius, *Secret History* (*Sources*, 154)

*Life of St. Theodore of Sykeon* (*Sources*, 164)

**October 13\(^{th}\)**

*The Rise of Islam*

*The Making of the West*, 249-256; 285-289
Jihad and Jizya, *Islamic Terms of Peace* *(Sources, 161)*

**Week 7: October 17th-October 23rd**
Primary Source Quiz 2 due by midnight, Monday October 17th

October 18th
**Carolingians and their World**
*The Making of the West*, 289-310, 313-321
*General Capitulary for the Missi* *(Sources, 175)*
Life of Lady Balthild, Queen of the Franks *(Sources, 167)*

October 20th
**Feudalism - Church Reform**
*The Making of the West*, 321-331
Sources of the Investiture Conflict *(Sources, 197)*

**Week 8: October 24th-October 30th**

October 25th
**The Crusades and the Norman Conquest**
*The Making of the West*, 331-343
Calling the First Crusade, *Pope Urban II’s Speech* *(Sources, 199)*
Ibn al-Athir, *A Complete History* *(Sources, 179)*
*The Anglo Saxon Chronicle* and *Domesday Book* *(Sources, 206)*

October 27th
**The Twelfth-Century Renaissance**
*The Making of the West*, 347-364
Peter Abelard, *Story of my Misfortunes* *(Sources, 211)*

**Week 9: October 31st-November 6th**

Primary Source Quiz 3 due by midnight, Monday October 31st

November 1st
**Heights of Medieval Culture**
Chrétien de Troyes, *Lancelot* *(Sources, 220)*

November 3rd
**Thirteenth Century Transformations**
The Making of the West, 364-376.
St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, Selected Writings (Sources, 226)

**Week 10: November 7th-November 13th**

November 8th
The Rediscovery of Aristotle and the Medieval Synthesis
The Making of the West, 379-390.
Thomas Aquinas (Sources, 235)
Dante Alighieri, Divine Comedy (Sources, 246)

November 10th
EXAM 2 Review Session

EXAM 2 DUE ON CANVAS NOVEMBER 13th

**Week 11: November 14th-November 20th**

November 15th
Medieval World in Crisis and the Black Death
The Making of the West, 390-404; 409-413
The Black Death (Sources, 254)

November 17th
The Hundred Year’s War and the Great Schism
The Making of the West, 413-421
Jean Froissart on the Jacquerie (Source, 238)
Geoffrey Chaucer, The Pardoner’s Prologue (Sources, 262)
Jan Hus, Letters (Sources, 266)

**Week 12: November 21st-November 27th**
Primary Source Quiz 4 due by midnight, Monday November 21st

November 22nd
Film Viewing: Guns, Germs, and Steel

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**Week 13: November 28th-December 4th**

November 29th
Renaissance Humanism
The Making of the West, 421-437
December 1st
The New World
The Making of the West, 441-446
Bernal Díaz del Castillo, The True History of the Conquest of New Spain (Sources, 278)
Bartolomé de Las Casas, In Defense of the Indians (Sources, 284)

Week 14: December 5th-December 11th

December 6th
The Protestant Reformation
The Making of the West, 447-461
Martin Luther, Freedom of a Christian (Sources, 287)
John Calvin, The Necessity of Reforming the Church (Sources, 289)
St. Ignatius of Loyola, A New Kind of Catholicism (Sources, 291)

December 8th
Wars of Religion and the Thirty Years War
The Making of the West, 473-487
The Edict of Nantes (Sources, 296)
Apology of the Bohemian Estates (Sources, 302)

Week 15: December 12th-December 13th
Primary Source Quiz 5 must be completed by midnight Sunday December 11th

December 13th
EXAM 3 Review Session

EXAM 3/FINAL EXAM: TBD