

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Western Civilization II, since 1650

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Office Hours: MW 10:00-Noon, 1:30-3:00pm, T/Th 1-3pm, and by appointment

Course Text: Mortimer Chambers, et. al., **The Western Experience (Volume II since the sixteenth century), 8th Ed.** Available at the NWACC Bookstore, WLF.

Course

Description: A survey of the history of **Western Civilization** since 1650. Emphasis will be placed on the social, political, scientific, and military developments of the period.

Course

Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student should:

1. Be able to understand the major historical themes of the Early Modern, Enlightenment, Victorian, and 20th Century periods in the West.
2. Be able to use the academic skills:
 - a. of critical thinking (analysis, synthesis, evaluation)
 - b. of communication (listening, reading, writing, discussion)
 - c. of lifelong learning (curiosity, initiative, openness, research)
3. Be aware of cultural diversity:
 - a. students will gain exposure to diverse ethical, political, economic, historical, and social perspectives in history.
 - b. students will learn about various religious viewpoints concerning the history of western civilization.
4. Be able to write a well-thought-out essay after being given ample background materials and facts from readings and class discussions.
5. Think critically about the past, present, and future of the West.

Course

Requirement: Students are expected to attend class and read the assigned readings in the text and to take the exams. Class participation is strongly encouraged. Attendance is essential.

Exams: There will be three exams for this class. Two semester exams will be given during class time and the **Final is Wednesday, Dec. 14, 9-11am.** Each exam will be worth 100 points.

Term Paper or Service Learning

Each student will be required either: 1) to write a term paper with an approved topic; 2) to participate in Service Learning. This project is worth 100 pts.

Bonus Papers: **All bonus papers are valued at 5 points** and will be offered periodically during the semester. You are eligible for a bonus only if you attend the class day that it is offered. The papers are due one week after being offered and can be handed in only if you attend the class day they are due. In other words, to be eligible for a bonus paper, you have to attend the class in which it is offered and the one in which it is due. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Make-up

Exams: Students are encouraged to make it to all the exams. Make-ups are not given unless there is a legitimate excuse. **All make-ups will be taken in the BH Testing Center on Dec. 9.**

Attendance

Policy: **You are required to attend all classes. You will receive 20 points at the end of the semester if you miss three or fewer classes. If you miss 4 or more classes, you will lose all 20 points which will still be calculated in the final grade. Coming late to class is considered rude; therefore, if you are late three times (5 minutes or more), you will be given an absence.** This policy rewards the responsible students.

Grading: 90% to 100% = 378 to 420 pts.= A (3 exams & term paper or Service Learning & attendance)
80% to 89% = 336 to 377 pts.= B
70% to 79% = 294 to 335 pts.= C
58% to 69% = 252 to 293 pts.= D
Below 58% = below 235 pts. = F

Grievance

Procedure: Consult the *NWACC Student Handbook* regarding proper steps concerning grievances against other students or professors. The first step is to bring the complaint to Dr. Huggard. If this step does not satisfactorily resolve the problem, the student should contact, Judy Tobler (BH 2010), Dept. Chair for the Social Sciences Department.

Important

Dates: Last day to drop with a “W”—November 18
Thanksgiving Break—November 23-26
Last class day—Friday, December 9
FINAL EXAMINATION—Wednesday, December 14, 9-11am.

Bad Weather

Policy: For official NWACC closings call NWACC at 619-4377

Rules of the Building: Eating and drinking are not allowed in the building. Smoking must be done at designated sites on campus.

Topical/Unit

Outline: I. Divine-Right Monarchy (Chapter 16, pp. 531-547, Chapter 17)
A. Bourbon France B. Stuart England C. Science

II. The Old Regimes & Commerical Revolution (Chapter 15, pp. 528-531, Chapters 17 & 18)
A. France
B. England
C. Eastern Europe
D. Militarization

- III. The Enlightenment (Chapter 19)
 - A. The Philosophes
 - B. Enlightened Despotism
 - C. The Consequences for Western Society

- IV. The French Revolution & Napoleon (Chapters 20 & 21)
 - A. Causes of the Revolution
 - B. Death to the Monarchy
 - C. Napoleon, France, & the Conquest of Europe

V. EXAMINATION I

- VI. Romanticism, Reaction, & Revolution (Chapters 22, pp. 769-782 & Chapter 23, pp. 805-818)
 - A. The Romantics
 - B. Conservatism & Liberalism
 - C. Nationalism & Revolution
- VII. The Industrial Society (Chapter 18, pp. 633-647, Chapter 22, pp.782-801, & Chapter 26, pp. 927-940)
 - A. Industrialization
 - B. Governmental Regulation
 - C. Women, Environment, & Society
 - D. Darwin & Science
- VIII. The Modernization of Nations (Chapter 24 & Chapter 26, pp. 944-959)
 - A. Bureaucracy, Military, & Education
 - B. Unification of Italy & Germany
 - C. France & England
 - D. Central Europe
 - E. Russia
- IX. Modern Empires & Imperialism (Chapter 25, pp. 885-890, pp. 901-923)
 - A. The New Imperialism
 - B. Great Britain, France, & Germany
 - C. United States

X. EXAMINATION II

- XI. The Great War & Communist Revolution (Chapters 27 & 28, pp.1006-1014)
 - A. The Alliance System & the Origins of World War I
 - B. World War I
 - C. Revolution in Russia
 - D. The Peace Process

- XII. Between the Wars: A Twenty-Year Crisis (Chapter 28)
 - A. Postwar Germany
 - B. Fascist Italy
 - C. Communist Russia

- XIII. Democracies & the non-Western World (Chapter 28, pp. 1049-1057)
 - A. Great Britain
 - B. France
 - C. United States

- XIV. The Second World War & Its Aftermath (Chapter 29)
 - A. The Road to World War II
 - B. Nazi Germany & Hitler
 - C. The War
 - D. The Peace & Emergence of the Cold War

- XV. Twentieth-Century Thought & Letters (Chapter 25, pp. 892-901
A. Women in the 20th Century & Chapter 28, pp. 1020-1030)
 - B. Modern Thought & the Human Condition
 - C. Science & Society

- XVI. Our Times: Arriving at the Present (Chapter 30)
 - A. Western Europe
 - B. North America
 - C. Eastern Europe & the former Soviet Union
 - D. The End of the Cold War

- XVII. **FINAL EXAMINATION, Wednesday, December 14, 9-11am**