Course Outline for Dr. Huggard’s
Western Civilization I, Ancient to 1650, Fall 2005
(for MW Noon & 3pm classes)

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Office Hours:  MW 10:30-Noon & 1:30-3pm and TTh 1-3pm, and by appointment

Course Text:  Mortimer Chambers, et. al., The Western Experience (Volume I to the
eighteenth century), 8th Ed. Available at the NWACC Bookstore, WLF

Course Description:  A survey of the history of Western Civilization and a cursory glance
at Asia and Africa from ancient times to 1650. Emphasis will be placed
on the social, political, religious, and environmental developments.

Course Objectives:  Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Understand the major historical themes of the Ancient,
   Medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation periods.
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 Western
   Civilization. (see “Criteria for Student Writing” at
   http://faculty.nwacc.edu/chuggard/)

Course Requirements:  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. All except the Final will be given during class
time during the semester. Each exam will be worth 100 points and will cover
material after the previous exam (not comprehensive).
Finals:  
1) Final is Wednesday, Dec. 14, Noon-2:00pm  
2) Final is Mon., Dec. 12, 2:15-4:15pm

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 to be taken in the BH testing center on the last day of class, Dec. 7.

Grading:  
90% to 100% (320-288 pts.) = A  
80% to 89% (287-256 pts.) = B  
70% to 79% (255-224 pts.) = C  
58% to 69% (223-187 pts.) = D  
Below 58% (186&less pts.) = F

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 (no papers accepted after the due date). 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!

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 who attend and participate on a regular basis.

Grievance Procedure: Consult the NWACC Student Handbook regarding proper steps concerning grievances against other students or professors. Regardless, the first step should be to bring the complaint to the attention of the professor. If this step does not satisfactorily resolve the problem, the student should contact, Judy Tobler (CEF 2022), Lead Faculty for the Social Sciences Department.

Important Dates:  
Last day to drop with a “W”–November 18  
Thanksgiving Break—November 23-26  
Last Day of Class, Wed., December 7  

FINAL EXAMINATION:  
1) MW noon-1:15pm class--Wednesday, Dec. 14, Noon-2:00pm  
2) MW 3-4:15pm class--Monday, Dec. 12, 2:15-4:15pm

Bad Weather Policy: 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.
Course Content:

I. THE FIRST CIVILIZATIONS (Chapter 1)
   A. Human Development
   B. Primitive Societies
   C. Mesopotamia & Egypt
   D. The Hebrews

II. THE GREEKS (Chapters 2 & 3)
   A. Aegean Civilization
   B. Hellenic Culture and Society
   C. Political Systems in Greece
   D. Greek Thought & Ideas

III. THE ROMANS (Chapter 4, part of Chapter 5)
   A. Rome to 590 BC
   B. The Early Republic at home and abroad
   C. The Late Republic
   D. The Empire

IV. EXAMINATION I (date to be announced in class)

V. JUDAISM & CHRISTIANITY (Chapter 5)
   A. The Jews
   B. The Decline of Rome
   C. Jesus Christ & the early Christians
   D. The Rise & Triumph of Christianity

VI. OTHER GREAT RELIGIONS/PHILOSOPHIES OF THE WORLD
   A. Hinduism (Chapter 7, pp. 219-228)
   B. Buddhism
   C. Confucianism
   D. Taoism
   C. Islam or Muslim Culture

VII. THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES IN WESTERN EUROPE (Chapters 7 & 8)
   A. The Franks under the Merovingians and Carolingians
   B. Feudalism and Manorialism

VIII. EXAMINATION II (date to be announced in class)

IX. CHURCH & STATE (Chapter 6, pp. 197-205, Chapter 8, pp. 273-277)
   A. The Roman Catholic Church & the Papacy
B. Monastic Life
C. The Investiture Controversy

X. THE LATE MIDDLE AGES, THE STATE, & THE POPE (Chapters 8 & 10)
   A. The Modern British Monarchs (Royalty)
   B. The French Monarchs
   C. The Papacy, Power, & the Crusades
   D. The Rise of the Cities

XI. THE DECLINE OF THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH (Chapters 9, 12, & 13)
   A. The Decline of the Roman Catholic Church
   B. France & Britain in Conflict
   C. Germany, Italy, & Spain
   D. Medieval Culture

XII. THE RENAISSANCE (Chapter 12)
   A. The Northern Italian Renaissance
   B. Humanism & Art
   C. The Northern European Renaissance

XIII. THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION (Chapter 13)
   A. Martin Luther Breaks with the Roman Catholic Church
   B. Henry VIII creates the Anglican Church
   C. John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland
   D. The Catholic Counter Reformation

XIV. EXPLORATION & EXPANSION (Chapter 14)
   A. Christopher Columbus & the Iberian Golden Age
   B. Portuguese Voyages
   C. The Dutch, British, & French Explorers

XV. THE GREAT POWERS IN CONFLICT (Chapter 15)
   A. Nation States & Warfare
   B. The Thirty Years War, 1618-1648
   C. Divine-Right Monarchy

XVI. FINAL EXAMINATION:
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