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WORLD CIVILIZATION TO 1500

History 103

Autumn 1987

Dr. Samson, CM207

Description

This course offers an intellectual, institutional, and cultural consideration of world civilizations and their development, interaction, and significance to 1500. The course objectives are as follows:

1. To provide the student with frameworks for understanding and evaluating the people, circumstances, institutions, and ideas that have helped shape world history and culture.
2. To examine areas of historical continuity and change in relation to contemporary issues.
3. To develop skills in historical research and analysis.
4. To encourage students to affirm and apply Christian precepts by developing a consciously Biblical understanding of history as the revelation of God's eternal purpose.

Requirements

1. Each student is responsible for all assigned readings in the textbooks and supplementary materials. Study Questions for the textbooks are available at the reserve desk. Handouts, lecture notes, and related material should be kept in a looseleaf notebook.
2. Students will be tested on their knowledge of material covered in the reading assignments and classroom lectures through four regularly scheduled exams. The final grade is determined by averaging the four exam grades--or three exam grades and a substitute assignment--while factoring in extra credit points and absences.
3. Each student has the option of substituting a 4-6 page book report plus a 3-4 page genealogical essay for one exam. These are due by December 9 and will be graded on a pass-fail basis. They must be well written, topically organized, neatly typed, and double spaced. Reports may be written on any of the books drawn from the list below. The genealogical essay should include a family tree chart.
4. Regular attendance and participation in class discussions are required. Attendance will be taken promptly at 6:30 PM. Students who miss more than two class sessions lose one grade. Students who miss more than three class sessions fail the course. Regular attendance is worth five extra credit points.
5. A total of five extra credit points may also be earned either by attending two lectures by guest speakers--as announced in class--or by listening to and reporting on any two special taped lectures held on reserve at the Media Center in the Library.
6. Grading: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, below 60 = F.

Reading

Handouts

Chilton, David. "Eden and Salvation" [E]
Dictatus Papae, 1075 [D]

Recommended Purchases:

Bray, Gerald. Creeds, Councils and Christ [C]
Burns, Edward McNall, et al. Western Civilizations, 10th ed. [B]
Ralph, Philip L. Study Guide [R]

Reserve Desk

Chalcedon Position Papers [P]

North, Gary. Moses and Pharaoh [N]
Rushdoony, Rousas John. Foundations of Social Order [F]
 . The One and the Many [O]
Samson, Steven. Crossed Swords [S]
Schaeffer, Francis. How Should We Then Live? [H]
(The videotape may be viewed at the Media Center)

Book Reports (Reserve Desk)

Bebbington, D. W. Patterns in History: A Christian View
Chilton, David. Paradise Restored: An Eschatology of Dominion
Jackson, Jeremy. No Other Foundation, chs. 1-12
Rushdoony, Rousas John. The Foundations of Social Order
Shafarevich, Igor. The Socialist Phenomenon, chs. 1-2, 5-6, 10-11

Schedule

- I. Introduction; Biblical World View (September 9)
- II. The Hebrew Civilization (September 16)
Required: D; R. 1 "Aids;" B. 4; R. 4
Optional: S. 2
- III. Oriental Despotism (September 16-30)
Required: B. 2; R. 2; B. 3; R. 3 (9-23)
Optional: O. 3; N. Appendix C
- IV. Greece (September 30-October 7)
Required: B. 5; R. 5; B. 6; R. 6 (9-30)
Optional: O. 4
First Exam: October 7
- V. Hellenism (October 7-14)
Required: B. 7; R. 7 (10-7)
- VI. Rome and the Beginnings of Christianity (October 14-28)
Required: C. 1-2; B. 8; R. 8 (10-14)
 B. 9; R. 9; C. 3-4 (10-21)
Optional: F. 1-2; S. 3; H. 1; O. 5 (10-14)
 F. 3-5; O. 6; P. (10-21)
- VII. The Frontier Age (October 28-November 4)
Required: B. 10; R. 10; C. 5
Optional: O. 7
Second Exam: October 28
- VIII. The Middle Ages (November 4-18)
Required: C. 6-8; B. 11; R. 11; D (11-4)
 B. 12; R. 12 (11-11)
 B. 13; R. 13 (11-18)
Optional: H. 2; O. 8 (11-11)
Third Exam: November 18
- IX. The Renaissance and Reformation (December 2-9)
Required: B. 14; R. 14 (12-2)
 B. 15; R. 15 (12-9)
Optional: H. 3; O. 9 (12-2)
 H. 4; O. 10 (12-9)
Substitute Assignments Due
Final Exam: December 16