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WORLD CIVILIZATION AFTER 1500

History 104

Spring 1988

Dr. Samson, CM207

Description

This course offers an intellectual, institutional, and cultural consideration of world civilizations and their development, interaction, and significance from 1500 to the present. 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.

Requirements

1. Each student is responsible for all assigned readings in the textbooks as well as the supplementary materials. Students should keep handouts, lecture notes, and related material in a looseleaf notebook.
2. Students will be tested on their knowledge of material covered in the reading assignments and classroom lectures through three regularly scheduled exams. The final grade is determined by averaging the exam grades while factoring in extra credit points, absences, and tardies.
3. A 4-5 page family genealogy or a report on any book from the list below may be substituted for one exam. The final grade will be determined by averaging the three remaining exam grades.
4. Regular attendance and participation in class discussions are expected. Attendance will be taken promptly at 6:30 PM. Students who miss more than six hours lose a full grade. Students who miss more than nine hours fail the course.
5. A maximum of ten points extra credit may be earned either by attending lectures by Russell Kirk or by listening to special taped lectures held on reserve in the Media Center. Each lecture is worth five points.
6. Grading: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, below 60 = F.

Reading

Recommended Purchases:

- Burns, Edward McNall, et al. Western Civilizations, 10th ed. [B]
Schaeffer, Francis A. How Should We Then Live? [S]

- First Week: i. Introduction
ii. Overview of the Course (S. 1-2)
- Second Week: iii. Background of Modern Civilization (S. 3)
I. Politics, Religion, and War (B. 16, pp. 501-19; S. 4)
II. English Puritanism (B. 16, pp. 519-40)
- Third Week: III. Early Modern Culture (S. 5)
IV. Commerce and Colonization (B. 17, pp. 543-70)
V. British America (B. 17, pp. 570-84)
- Fourth Week: VI. Absolutism (B. 18, pp. 587-619)
VII. Constitutionalism (B. 18, pp. 619-26; Titus; Madison)
VIII. Scientific Revolution (B. 19, pp. 629-49; S. 7)
- Fifth Week: IX. Enlightenment (B. 19, pp. 649-63); S. 6; Recker; Shafarevich)
- First Exam: February 24 (B. 16-18, S. 1-5)
- Sixth Week: X. French Revolution, Part I (B. 20, pp. 673-88; Billington)
XI. French Revolution, Part II (B. 20, pp. 688-99; Chilton)
XII. Napoleonic Wars (B. 20, pp. 699-712; B. 21, pp. 715-23)
XIII. Industrial Revolution (B. 21, pp. 723-33; B. 22, pp. 735-56)
- Seventh Week: XIV. The Age of Ideology (B. 22, pp. 756-66; B. 23, pp. 769-78; Mill)
XV. Romanticism (B. 24, pp. 795-803)
XVI. Early Nationalism (B. 23, pp. 778-92; B. 24, pp. 803-13)
- Eighth Week: XVII. Nation-Building (B. 24, pp. 813-24)
- Second Exam: March 16 (B. 19-23; S. 6-7)
- Ninth Week: XVIII. International Competition (B. 25; Scott)
XIX. Socialism and Evolution (B. 26, pp. 861-75; North)
XX. Evolutionary Humanism (B. 26, pp. 875-86)
XXI. Search for Stability (B. 27)
- Tenth Week: XXI. The Road to War (B. 27, pp. 909-20, B. 28, pp. 923-33; Rushdoon)
XXII. Collapse of the Old Order (B. 28, pp. 933-50)
- 11th Week: XXIII. Rise of Totalitarianism (B. 29, pp. 953-74)
- Third Exam: April 13 (B. 24-28)
- 12th Week: XXIV. Early Twentieth Century Cultural Trends (B. 29, pp. 974-87)
XXV. The Second World War (B. 30; Klotz; Barnes)
XXVI. The Cold War (B. 31, pp. 1015-23; Scott)
XXVII. Decolonization and the Third World (B. 31, pp. 1023-39)
- 13th Week: XXVIII. Political Centralization (B. 32; Burnham)
XXIX. Current Issues, Part I (S. 8-9)
XXX. Current Issues, Part II (S. 10-11)
- 14th Week: XXXI. Current Issues, Part III (S. 12-13)
XXXII. Current Issues, Part IV

Fourth Exam: May 6 (B. 29-32; S. 8-13)