

## **History 102, Section 03J**

### **History of Western Civilization II (HSC)**

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Fall 2013  
322 Seney Hall  
3:30-5:10 pm, T Th

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

History 102 looks at the history of Western civilization from the seventeenth century to the present. The course will focus on the key political, social, cultural, and economic events that have shaped modern European society. It will also consider the changing place of Europe and the West in the global community.

There are no prerequisites for HIST 102.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Aside from offering an introduction to the history of the modern West, this class will also

- 1) provide opportunities for students to practice and improve their critical thinking and writing skills
- 2) introduce students to the act of historical interpretation and how historians use a variety of evidence to offer different perspectives on the past
- 3) prepare students to make academic arguments about history using reason and evidence for support

## **COURSE POLICIES:**

### **Academic Integrity:**

Violations of the honor code, including plagiarism or any other form of cheating, will not be tolerated. University Regulations will be followed in cases of academic dishonesty.

\*\*Please put your signature on all graded assignments—quizzes, tests, papers—as an acknowledgment that your work is in accordance with the honor code.

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### **Attendance:**

Attendance and active participation in class are required and constitute 15% of your overall grade.

You may take up to two unexcused absences without penalty. Late arrival counts as half an absence.

Participation will be determined by overall effort in contributing to the learning environment of the class.

If the quality of class discussions indicates that students are not reading and thinking about the readings, there will be unannounced reading quizzes. These will count toward the attendance and participation grade.

### **Student Responsibility:**

You are responsible for checking Blackboard frequently for updates, announcements, assignment instructions, and other course information.

You are also responsible for all material covered in the readings and class lectures. Please bring a bluebook to the mid-term and final exams.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:**

Attendance, Participation, Reading Quizzes—15%

Two short essays—40%

Midterm Exam —20%

Final Exam—25%

**Exams:**

The midterm and final exams will include short answer and essay questions.

**Essays:**

There are two required essays for this course, both based on primary source readings. For each paper, there will be a choice of two questions from which you may choose one. Papers should be 3 to 4 pages in length, typed and double spaced in a standard font. Late papers will be penalized 5 points per day.

**Grade Scale:**

90 and above: A  
80 to 89.99: B  
70 to 79.99: C  
60 to 69.99: D  
0 to 59.99: F

**REQUIRED BOOKS:**

Joshua Cole et al., *Western Civilizations: Their History and Their Culture, Brief 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., Vol. 2*  
(ISBN: 0393934896)

*Perspectives from the Past: Primary Sources in Western Civilizations, 5th Edition, Vol. 2*  
(ISBN: 0393912957)

Primo Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz* (2013) (ISBN: 148267114X)

Voltaire, *Candide* (Dover Thrift, 1991) (ISBN: 0486266893 )

George Orwell, *Road to Wigan Pier* (Mariner Books, 1972) (ISBN: 9780156767507)

**Additional Readings:**

All additional readings will be available on Blackboard.

## COURSE SCHEDULE:

### Week 1 –

Aug 29 (Th): Introduction to course

### Week 2 –

Sept 3 (T): Europe in the Seventeenth Century

**Readings:** Seaver, *Wallington's World* (excerpt)

*Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 145-147 (Coffee House Society)

Sept 5 (Th): Absolutism and Empire, c. 1660-1789

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 15

\*NOTE: Wednesday, September 4, is the last day for changing classes.

### Week 3 –

Sept 10 (T): The New Science of the Seventeenth Century

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 16

Sept 12 (Th): The New Science of the Seventeenth Century

**Readings:** *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 182-193 (Copernicus, Galileo) and pp. 208-215 (Newton, Locke)

### Week 4 –

Sept 17 (T): The Enlightenment

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 17

Sept 19 (Th): The Enlightenment

**Reading:** *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 255-258 and 267-271 (Kant, Equiano) [and start Voltaire, *Candide*]

**Week 5 --**

Sept 24 (T): Discussion of Voltaire's *Candide*  
**ASSIGNMENT: ESSAY 1 DUE ON CANDIDE**

Sept 26 (Th): The French Revolution  
**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 18

**Week 6 –**

Oct 1 (T): The Industrial Revolution and Nineteenth-Century Society  
**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 19

Oct 3 (Th): The Industrial Revolution and Nineteenth-Century Society  
**Reading:** *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 303-308, 322-326, and 334-336 (Smith, Marx and Engels, Place)

**Week 7–**

Oct 8 (T): **MID-TERM EXAM**

Oct 10 (Th): From Restoration to Revolution, 1815-1848  
**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 20

**Week 8 –**

Oct 15 (T): **FALL BREAK – No Class**

Oct 17 (Th): From Restoration to Revolution, continued  
**Reading:** *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 337-351 (Wollstonecraft, Constant, De Tocqueville, Wilberforce)

\*NOTE: Friday, October 18, is the last day to drop a course without academic penalty.

**Week 9 –**

Oct 22 (T): What is a Nation? Territories, States, and Citizens, 1848-1871

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 21

Oct 24 (Th): Imperialism and Colonialism, 1870-1914

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, pp. 523-534; *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 410-411

**Week 10 –**

Oct 29 (T): Imperialism and Colonialism, 1870-1914

**Readings:** *Western Civilizations*, pp. 534-545

Oct 31 (Th): Modern Industry and Mass Politics, 1870-1914

**Readings:** *Western Civilizations*, pp. 547-563; *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 426-432  
(Lenin, Zetkin)

**Week 11 –**

Nov 5 (T): Modern Industry and Mass Politics, 1870-1914

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, 563-571; *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 447-451 and  
pp. 460-463 (Darwin, Nietzsche)

Nov 7 (Th): The First World War

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 24

**Week 12 –**

Nov 12 (T): The First World War

**Reading:** *Perspectives from the Past*, pp. 468-470 and pp. 475-478 (Trench Poets,  
Jünger) [and start Orwell, *Road to Wigan Pier*]

Nov 14 (Th): Turmoil Between the Wars

**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 25

**Week 13 –**

Nov 19 (T): Discussion of Orwell, *Road to Wigan Pier*  
**ASSIGNMENT: ESSAY 2 DUE ON *Wigan Pier***

Nov 21 (Th): The Second World War  
**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 26

**Week 13 –**

Nov 26 (T): The Second World War and the Holocaust  
**Reading:** Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz*

Nov 28 (Th): No class (Thanksgiving holiday)

**Week 14 –**

Dec 3 (T): The Cold War World  
**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, pp. 649-668

Dec 5 (Th): The End of the Cold War  
**Reading:** *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 28

**Week 15 –**

Dec 10 (T): Globalization and the West  
**Reading:** *Perspectives from the Past*, 580-584 (Gandhi)

**FINAL EXAM – Monday, December 16, 2-5pm (322 Seney Hall)**