

University of Lethbridge



FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE HISTORY 1000Y WESTERN CIVILIZATION UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

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REQUIRED TEXTS

Backman, Clifford R., *The Cultures of the West, A History*, Vol. II Since 1350, Oxford UP, 2016. ISBN-13: 978-0195388916.

Order via bookstore.uleth.ca.

Weisner, Ruff & Wheeler, *Discovering the Western Past, A Look at the Evidence*. Vol. II Since 1500. 7th edition, Houghton Mifflin 2015. ISBN-13: 978-1111837174. Order via bookstore.uleth.ca.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction both to the study of history and to some fundamental developments in Western Civilization from the Middle Ages to the Cold War. The history of Western Civilization is as rich as it is long, and includes interaction with and reaction to personalities, forces, ideologies, institutions, cultures and societies both western and non-Western.

STATEMENT ON LIBERAL EDUCATION



“Liberal education has been a community tradition at the University of Lethbridge since its founding. Our principle of Liberal Education is based on four pillars: encouraging breadth of knowledge; facilitating connections across disciplines; developing critical thinking skills so that our graduates can adapt to ever-changing employment and social conditions; and emphasizing engaged citizenship in our communities at all levels from the local to the global. We help students become creative explorers and innovative critical thinkers, leaders who can navigate through complex global issues and who use the breadth, connections and skills developed here to make our world a better place for all.”

HIST 1000Y will address these pillars, via the following learning objectives:

- Increase students' abilities to develop arguments by reading documents and sources critically.
- Engage students in the sometimes difficult process of analyzing often competing interpretations.
- Introduce students to the interplay among conflict, culture and society.
- Analyze, assess and respect multiple points of view, different perspectives and methodologies.
- Improve written and verbal communication skills.
- Use various research methods to complete written assignments, develop problem solving skills, organize and manage projects.

GRADING SYSTEM

LETTER GRADE	PERCENTAGE MARK	GRADE POINT VALUE
A+	95-100	4.0
A Excellent	90-94	4.0
A-	86-89	3.7
B+	82-85	3.3
B Good	78-81	3.0
B-	74-77	2.7
C+	70-73	2.3
C Satisfactory	66-69	2.0
C-	62-65	1.7
D+	58-61	1.3
D Poor	50-57	1.0
F Fail	0-49	0.0

ASSIGNMENTS

Mid-term Exam	In Class 17 February 2017	30%
Research Essay	Due in Class 17 March 2017	40%
Take Home Final Exam	Due at 6:00 p.m. 21 April 2017	30%

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

The mid-term will be an essay exam written in class time. We will discuss the specifics of the mid-term exam in class.

In fairness to all students absolutely no extensions will be granted on the Research Essay or the mid-term exam except in extremely exceptional circumstances. Work commitments, holidays or traffic are not considered legitimate reasons for missing an exam. IN EVERY CASE, the student will need to support the case for illness OR other comparable calamity, with documentation BEFORE a make-up exam can be written.

For the Research Essay, each student must complete one essay using the material provided in one chapter from an assigned book containing pre-selected historical problems (i.e. Weisner, Ruff & Wheeler, *Discovering the Western Past, a look at the evidence. Vol. II Since 1500*. 7th edition, Houghton Mifflin 2015.) I will provide specific guidelines and discuss the particulars of the Research Essay in more detail in class. PLEASE NOTE: A penalty of one letter level will be levied for each day the Research Essay is late, i.e. an essay which would have received a B+ will be reduced to a B if it is submitted a day late, to a B- if it is two days late, etc.

The Take Home Exam is an essay exam. The topics will be determined by the instructor. The particulars of the Take Home Exam will be discussed in class. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE TAKE HOME EXAM WHICH IS DUE AT 6:00 P.M. ON 21 APRIL 2017. IF THE TAKE HOME EXAM IS LATE IT WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF 'F'.**

Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a zero grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing may also be subject to additional University sanctions. For the current university policy on Cheating and Plagiarism, please consult the University of Lethbridge calendar.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

In fairness to all students absolutely NO EXTENSIONS will be granted for the research essay or mid-term exam EXCEPT IN EXTREMELY EXCEPTIONAL

CIRCUMSTANCES. In each case, the student MUST support the case for illness or any other possible calamity, with documentation such as a physician's certificate. Work commitments, holidays or traffic are not considered legitimate reasons for missing an exam. In each case, the student will need to support the case for illness or any other possible calamity, with written documentation.

NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE FINAL TAKE HOME EXAM and NO LATE TAKE HOME EXAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Students who fail to write final exams must provide satisfactory evidence of illness or extenuating circumstances AND must have the approval of the Dean for a makeup exam.

Please turn off all cell phones when you are in class to avoid disrupting the rest of the class. The use of laptops is not encouraged as they can hinder students being fully involved with the class.

With respect to missed classes, students are responsible for catching up on anything they have missed by borrowing class notes from another student. Please note that the instructor does not have class notes to hand out to students.

COURSE POLICIES

1. **Conduct of Examinations:** The instructor may articulate regulations for late entry to and early exit from the examination room. Instructors may also prescribe or restrict materials that may be used during the exam. No material aids including such items as: mobile phones, computers, or other digital devices, may be brought into the examination site without prior approval from the instructor. Please see additional examination policies in the 2016/2017 University Calendar page 82-83 (www.uleth.ca/ross/sites/ross/files/imported/academic-calendar/2016-17/part04.pdf).
2. **Student Conduct:** Special care should be taken to understand the university's position on academic and non-academic misconduct as listed in part 4, sections 4 through 8 of the 2016/2017 Academic Calendar (www.uleth.ca/ross/sites/ross/files/imported/academic-calendar/2016-17/part04.pdf). It is the responsibility of the student to read, familiarize, and comply with these policies.

Students will respect the basic standards of intellectual integrity, including, but not limited to, refraining from plagiarism, cheating or duplicating someone else's work. In addition, students are expected to take an active role in encouraging other members of the academic community to refrain from academic dishonesty, and are asked to advise the instructor if they are aware of any such violations. This provision applies to any work submitted as a group project.

3. **Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism:** Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a zero grade for

the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing may also be subject to additional University sanctions.

TENTATIVE* LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE (*subject to change)

NOTE: Readings refer to Backman, Clifford R., *The Cultures of the West, a history*, Vol. II Since 1350, Oxford UP, 2013 ('Backman').

13 January 2017	Introduction/The Medieval World
20 January 2017	Renaissance & Reformation Backman pp 373-92; 402-7
27 January 2017	Reformation & Religious War Backman pp 441-52
3 February 2017	Absolutism & Constitutionalism The Wars of Louis XIV Backman pp 503-27; 533-8
10 February 2017	18 th century International relations The French Revolution, Backman pp 553-70, 591-601
17 February 2017	MID-TERM
24 February 2017	READING WEEK NO CLASS & NO OFFICE HOUR
3 March 2017	Napoleon; Backman pp 601-19
10 March 2017	The 19 th c after Napoleon Backman pp 625-39, 645-50, 655-61
17 March 2017	ESSAY DUE IN CLASS World War I; Backman Chapter 24
24 March 2017	Rise of Communism, Fascism, Nazism Backman pp 931-58, 960-6
31 March 2017	Take home exam distributed Crises of the 1930s; World War II Backman pp 958-60, 969-74, 977-93
7 April 2017	World War II, Backman pp 993-1014

The Early Cold War Backman pp 1023-9

21 April 2017

TAKE HOME FINAL EXAM DUE AT 6:00 P.M