

Syllabus
HIST 105 – History of Civilization I
Spring 2008 – Monday 6pm to 10:30pm
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Course Description:

An analysis of the development of civilization in Europe and elsewhere from 1300-1815. Particular attention will be paid to the evolution of a modern mind set. This course focuses on the theme of how human perceptions changed over time – a key component of the very notion of “civilization.” As a result of this course, students will gain an understanding of Western and non-Western heritages in terms of their origins, development, values, and distinctive qualities. Students will also gain an understanding of the nature of social, political, economic, and psychological forces and how they affect us.

Required Text:

None.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is required. Each absence will result in a 5% deduction from the final grade.

Course Structure:

The course will consist of lecture, discussion, reading from articles distributed in class, a final paper, and two exams.

Grading:

A total of 500 points are available for the semester. The final grade will be determined as a percentage of 1000 points adjusted for excessive absences or extra credit. The grading scales is as follows: 97-100 = A+, 93-96 = A, 90-92 = A-, 87-89 = B+, 83-86 = B, 80-82 = B-, 77-79 = C+, 73-76 = C, 70-72 = C-, 67-69 = D+, 63-66 = D, 60-62 = D-, 5-59 = F, 0-4 = F-.

Classroom Participation – (100 points – 20%)

A subjective grade based on regular attendance, attention, and active participation in class.

Paper – (100 points – 20%)

A four page, six source paper dealing with the topic of student’s choice. A paper guide will be distributed in week one, and the paper itself is due in week seven (April 28th).

Exams – (300 points – 60%)

There will be two exams. The first will be given in week four (April 7th) and the second will be given in week eight (May 5th).

Extra Credit – (?)

I will occasionally extend opportunities to earn extra credit throughout the semester.

Whitmanclasses.com:

Whitmanclasses.com is the website I use for all of my classes. All course documents are available for download here. There are also links to reliable history sites.

Contacting the Instructor:

I do not keep office hours on campus, but I can be reached by email through whitmanclasses.com, or at whitmanclasses@gmail.com, or at home before 10 PM: (308) 381-0850.