

## SYLLABUS

### WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM 1715

History 122

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### COURSE OBJECTIVES

This is an introductory course designed to familiarize students with many of the broad themes of modern European history. It is intended for those students who do not yet have significant exposure to the history and culture of Europe since 1715; those who do should not take this course. Students will leave this course with a good, general understanding of the important social, political, religious and intellectual developments of the Western world in the modern period. This course will also provide a solid foundation for those students who go on to take more advanced courses in modern European history. Students will be introduced as well to the critical reading of primary and secondary sources and to the nature of essay writing on historical subjects.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This is a lecture course with readings assigned for discussion nearly every session. Students must be prepared to discuss these assigned readings in an informed manner in class. Students who find it difficult to participate actively in class discussions are urged to keep a journal consisting of summaries of the assigned readings which may be submitted to be graded as partial compensation for poor performance in class discussions. Each student will also write a short research essay, which will be based in part upon course materials and in part upon additional readings. Detailed information about the essay assignment will be distributed well before the assignment is due. There will be two examinations, both largely essay in nature. Final grades will be determined as follows: class participation/journal - 25%; mid-term examination - 25%; essay - 25%; final examination - 25%. ALL ESSAYS MUST BE TURNED IN BY CLASS TIME ON THE DATE DUE. LATE ESSAYS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REDUCED BY ONE FULL LETTER GRADE

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Mark Kishlansky, et al., Civilization in the West, 3rd ed. vol. 2

Merry E. Wiesner, et al., Discovering the Western Past, 3rd ed., vol. 2

Richard M. Golden, Social History of Western Civilization, 3rd ed. vol. 2

Roger Dufraisie, Napoleon

Erich Maria Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front

Leslie Derfler, ed., An Age of Conflict

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### Week I

Jan. 13 Introduction

#### Week II Eighteenth Century Political Life

Jan. 18 Seventeenth-Century Europe (no assignment)

Jan. 20 Absolutism (Kishlansky, pp. 539-49 and Chap. 18; Wiesner, Chap. 2)

Week III Eighteenth Century Politics and Religious Life

Jan. 25 Empires and Wars (Kishlansky, pp. 566-86)

Jan. 27 Religion (Golden, pp.74-88)

Week IV Eighteenth Century Society

Feb. 1 Enlightenment (Kishlansky, pp. 554-66, 626-34; Wiesner, Chap. 3)

Feb. 3 Nobles and Peasants (Kishlansky, pp. 634-54; Wiesner, Chap. 4;  
Golden, pp. 47-59, 88-100)

Week V Eighteenth Century Society and French Revolution

Feb. 8 Popular Culture (Kishlansky, pp. 654-56; Golden, pp. 36-47, 59-74)

Feb. 10 1789-1815 (no assignment)

Week VI Interpreting the French Revolution

Feb. 15 Interpreting the French Revolution (Kishlansky, Chap. 20; Golden, pp. 100-111)

Feb. 17 Napoleon (Dufraisse, all)

Week VII Industrial Revolution

Feb. 22 Origins and Nature of Industrialism (Kishlansky, Chap. 21)

Feb. 24 Transformation of Labor (Wiesner, Chap. 6; Golden, pp. 115-28)

Week VIII Nineteenth Century Social Life

Feb. 29 Urban and Rural Europe (Kishlansky, pp. 738-40, 746-53, 784-85, 801-804;  
Wiesner, Chap. 8; Golden, pp. 151-208)

March 2 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

SPRING BREAK MARCH 6-10

Week IX Political and Social Ideas in the Nineteenth Century

March 14 Counterrevolution and Revolution (Kishlansky, pp. 741-46, 761-66)

March 16 Political and Social Thought (Kishlansky, pp. 753-61, 766-68, 804-811;  
Wiesner, Chap. 7)

Week X Nineteenth Century Politics and Culture

March 21 Liberalism and Nationalism (Kishlansky, pp. 768-801)

March 23 Crisis in Western Culture (Kishlansky, Chap. 24; Wiesner, Chap. 10)

Week XI Imperialism and Origins of World War I

March 28 New Imperialism (Kishlansky, pp. 848-74; Wiesner, Chap. 9)

March 30 Origins and Course of World War I (Kishlansky, pp. 874-80, 884-98, 901-903; Derfler, Chap. 2)

Week XII World War One

April 4 Total War (Kishlansky, pp. 882-83, 898-901; Wiesner, Chap. 11; Remarque, all)

April 6 Russian Revolution (Kishlansky, pp. 906-914, 931-39; Derfler, Chaps. 3-4)

Week XIII World War II

April 11 Nazi Germany (Kishlansky, pp. 939-49; Wiesner, Chap. 13, Golden, pp. 237-48;  
Derfler, Chap. 5)

April 13 World War II (Kishlansky, Chap. 28, Golden, pp. 249-59; Derfler, Chaps. 6-8)

Week XIV Aftermath of War

April 18 Europe 1945-1968 (Kishlansky, Chap. 29; Wiesner, Chap. 14; Derfler, Chaps. 9-10)

April 20 Easter recess

## ESSAY ASSIGNMENT DUE APRIL 18

Week XV Europe Since 1968

April 25 Europe since 1968 (Kishlansky, Chap. 30; Wiesner, Chap. 15; Derfler, Chaps.  
12-13)

April 27 Review