

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS

WESTERN CIVILIZATION I
HIST1010

Class Hours: 3.0

Credit Hours: 3.0

Laboratory Hours: 0.0

Revised: Spring 2014

Catalog Course Description:

A survey of the ancient Western world to 1715.

Entry Level Standards:

The ability to read with a questioning mind and to write essay answers to exams is essential to performing well in this course. Students are also expected to be "active learners" in the sense that they should seek to accomplish more than memorization and passive absorption of reading material. Students should be prepared to spend at least two hours preparation time outside class for each class hour. No previous knowledge of the history of western civilization is required.

Prerequisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Western Civilizations, Cole et al. Brief, 3rd Edition. W.W. Norton

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

NOTE: The exact organization of material per week and time allotted to a particular topic may vary slightly from instructor to instructor. * The inclusion of the Scientific Revolution in Western Civilization I is at the discretion of the individual instructor.

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to course; Ancient Near East
2	Ancient Greece
3	Ancient Greece
4	Ancient Rome
5	Rome and Christianity
6	Exam I
7	Heirs of Rome/Early Middle Ages
8	High Middle Ages
9	Late Middle Ages

10	Exam II
11	Renaissance
12	Reformation
13	Social-Economic Developments; Early Modern State
14	Early Modern State; Scientific Revolution*
15	Final Exam Period

II. Course Goals*:

- A. Develop an awareness of major political, cultural, and social-economic developments in the Western world from the Ancient through the Early Modern periods. IV. 1, IV. 2
- B. Promote students' ability to think critically about the past. IV. 1, IV. 2
- C. Prepare students for life in an increasingly global world. IV. 3
- D. Expand students' knowledge of how the past has shaped the present. IV. 4, IV. 5

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference TBR's general education goals.

III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes*:

Students will be able to:

- 1. Identify the major political themes in Western Civilization from the Ancient through the Early Modern Period. A
- 2. Identify the major social-economic themes in Western Civilization from the Ancient through the Early Modern Period. A
- 3. Identify the major cultural themes in Western Civilization from the Ancient through the Early Modern Period. A
- 4. Write analytical essays that explore the main themes of Western Civilization. B
- 5. Recognize that past societies possess different cultural values than their own society. C
- 6. Use their knowledge of the past to gain a deeper understanding of contemporary issues. D

*Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

V. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:

Western Civilization I is a writing-emphasis course. Students will be asked to write a series of essays that require them to create a factually based interpretation of past societies. The majority of the final grade will come from this form of evaluation. Instructors may also make use of reading quizzes, require their students to interpret and evaluate original historical sources, and/or ask them to participate in extracurricular cultural events as part of their graded work for the course.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

Not applicable.

C. Field Work:

Not applicable.

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

Not applicable.

E. Grading Scale:

The precise grading scale will be determined by individual instructors.

VI. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

B. Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one's own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

Please see the Pellissippi State Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 04:02:00 Academic/Classroom Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions for the complete policy.

C. Accommodations for Disabilities:

Students that need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by sending email to disabilityservices@pstcc.edu, or visiting Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131. More information is available at <http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/>.

D. Other Policies:

Students are expected to demonstrate respectful behavior towards their instructor and their classmates. Conduct that disrupts the learning environment could result in a student's expulsion from the class. For more information, please refer to the Student Disciplinary Rules section of the college catalogue.