

Common Course Syllabus
VUICICH_HIST_2311_390_FA23
Department of History
Fall 2023

Department: Social Sciences

Discipline: History

Course Number: HIST 2311.390

Course Title: Western Civilization I

Credit: 3 Lecture, 0 Lab

Satisfies a core curriculum requirement? No

Prerequisites: None

Available Formats: Conventional

Campus: Seagraves High School

Textbook: *Western Civilizations Vol. 1*, Third Edition, by Joshua Cole, Carol Symes, Judith Coffin, and Robert Stacy

Course Specific Instructions: Specific instructions attached.

Course Description: A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the west from the earliest civilizations to 1789. Themes that may be addressed will be the civilizations of the Greco-Roman Empire, European expansion, the Renaissance, and the growth of the European empires.

Course Purpose: To offer students a solid foundation course in the principles and important events and ideas in western civilization. This course will prepare students for further study in other social science courses, including American history and American government.

Course Requirements: Students should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations at the times assigned, complete projects in a manner consistent with college-level work, read assignments thoroughly, and be prepared for all class discussions.

Course Objectives:

1. Critical thinking - students should demonstrate creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information appropriate for a college-level course.
2. Communication - students will effectively develop, interpret, and express their ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.
3. Social responsibility - students will demonstrate intercultural competence, a knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

4. Personal responsibility - students will demonstrate their abilities to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history and translate this to current situations

Cell phone policy: Cell phone usage will follow the policy adopted by Seagraves High School.

Language: Students are expected to treat the instructor and fellow students with respect and to use appropriate language in class. Slang and poor grammar will not be allowed either in class orally or in written form.

Testing: All tests will last one class period. Once the test is begun, students will not be allowed to leave the classroom until the exam is submitted for grading. All tests will be taken on locked Chromebooks. **If we return to virtual learning, then tests will be taken on Zoom.** The use of electronics (smart phones and watches, computers, etc.) during an exam will earn students a zero on the exam. The affected student will be allowed to retake the test; however, it will be an all essay test. For other consequences, see the SPC policy on academic integrity.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
- Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
- Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
- Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
- Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
- Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
- Entering an office or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
- Taking an examination for another;
- Altering grade records;
- Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
- Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
- Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Attendance Policy: Attendance and effort are the most important activities for success in this course. Records of your attendance are maintained throughout the semester. Five (5) absences, **for any reason**, are allotted to the student for the semester. Tardies count as one-half (1/2) of an absence. Tardies will be applied for consistently being late to class, as deemed by the instructor and leaving class early. If this number is exceeded, the instructor has the right to drop you with a grade of F or an X, depending on their discretion.

The following statements are taken from the Employee Handbook:

Academic Integrity: It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension, but at the least a mandatory and irreparable zero. Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers. Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

Intellectual Exchange Statement: In South Plains College courses, the instructor will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disabilities Statement: Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302.

Non-Discrimination Statement: South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement: If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a [Title IX pregnancy accommodations request](#), along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team: South Plains College is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of its students and community. To support its campus community SPC has a CARE Team. This is a dedicated group of campus professionals responsible for assessing and responding to students who could benefit from academic, emotional, or psychological support, as well as those presenting risk to the health or safety of the community. If you see someone experiencing challenges, appearing distressed, posing a threat to their safety or someone else's safety, or causing a significant disruption to the SPC community, please submit a [CARE Team referral](#). You may also submit a referral for yourself if you would like additional support. NOTE: In cases where a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement: Texas Government Code 411.2031, et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

Covid 19 Statement: Students will follow the Covid 19 policies at Seagraves High School.

Dual Credit

South Plains College/Seagraves High School VUICICH_HIST_2311_390_FA23 Monday-Friday 8:00-8:45am

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Phone: 806-387-2520 ext 1239

Office Hours: 1:30-2:10pm

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Course Requirements:

1. Read the assigned pages in the textbook and in *OpenStax US History*. Reading assignments will be given throughout the year. Test questions will come from extra reading as well as lectures and videos.

2. Read assigned articles and watch assigned videos.

3. Access to a computer for Google assignments. Check Blackboard for grades.

Link: <http://spc.blackboard.com>

4. Listen to various lectures (including video lectures) and take notes.

5. Study notes and assigned readings so that contributions to class discussions are at a college-appropriate level.

6. Take written exams consisting of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and essay questions.

7. Work on projects and writing assignments that assimilate readings, notes, discussions, and personal research.

Ms. Vuicich's Syllabus

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Course Evaluation/Grading:

Exam 1	-	10%
Exam 2	-	10%
Exam 3	-	10%
Exam 4	-	10%
Research/"Ted" Talk	-	10%
Map Quiz	-	10%
Laws for the World PP Project	-	10%
"Temple" Project	-	10%
Map--Expansion of Islam and the Empire of Charlemagne	-	10%
Questions/Blog	-	10%
Total:		100%

Class discussions and journals will be rewarded with different positive bonuses. The essay question may not be omitted and the maximum bonus points that may be used on any one exam or assignment is ten.

Students will have the opportunity to retake an exam. The retake will consist of essays. No bonuses will be allowed on retakes.

The exams correspond with the units in the textbook. The final exam is not comprehensive.

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Schedule: (This is a general schedule; however, due to high school activities, this could change and lectures may be extended to FLEX period at least by-monthly.)

August 16	Chapter 1--"Early Civilizations"	26	
17		27	Chapter 7--"Rome's Three Heirs"
18	Chapter 2--"Peoples, Gods, . . ."	28	
21		29	
22		October 2	
23	Chapter 3--"Greece 1700-500 BCE"	3	
24		4	Review; Temple Project Due
25		5	Exam #2 over Unit 2
28		6	
29	Chapter 4--"Greece Expands"	9	Holiday
30		10	Chapter 8--"Expansion of Europe"
31		11	
September 1		12	Chapter 9--"Consolidation of Europe"
4	Holiday	13	
5		16	
6	Review; Laws of the World Project--Due	17	
7	Exam #1 over Unit 1	18	Chapter 10--"Crisis, Unrest, . . ."
8	Chapter 5--"Ancient Rome"	19	
11		20	
12		23	
13		24	
14		25	Chapter 12--"Commerce, Conquest, . . ."
15		26	
18		27	
19	Chapter 6--"Transformation of Rome"	30	
20		31	
21		November 1	Review; Map Due
22		2	Exam over Unit 3
25		3	Chapter 12--"Renaissance"

November 6	Holiday	30	Research--"Ted Talk" Due
7		December 1	Chapter 15--"Absolutism and Empire"
8		4	
9		5	
10	Chapter 13--"Age of Dissent"	6	
13		7	
14		8	Review
15		Dec. 11-15	Finals Week
16		12	Exam #4 over Unit 4
17		13	Map Test (or earlier if scheduled)
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Break		
27	Chapter 14--"Religion, Warfare, . . ."	15	Grades due at SPC by 10 a.m.
28			Happy Holidays!!!!
29			

Reading assignments are NOT posted on the syllabus!

Questions/blog will NOT be posted on the syllabus. Answers should be written in complete sentences and using correct grammar and punctuation. No slang or obscene language. Your answer must be intellectual and researched.