

Fall 2025: History 2311, Western Civilization to 1600  
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**\*GRADE INFORMATION CAN NOT BE SENT VIA EMAIL\***

**\*CELL PHONE USE DURING LECTURE WILL RESULT IN A LETTER GRADE (10%) PENALTY APPLIED TO THE FINAL GRADE\***

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Schedule:

**Part One:** Mesopotamia, Egypt and Greece

**Part Two:** Rome

**Part Three:** The Middle Ages

**Part Four:** Early Modern Civilization

There are three primary objectives for the student of history at the college level. First is the acquisition of facts about history that will give the student a degree of cultural literacy that is required for an individual to be considered college-educated citizen. Second is to imbue and develop in the student a facility for critical thinking when addressing political, economic, cultural or social issues and institutions. The third objective is the combination of one and two. To create opinions and discussions rooted in fact and refined by the student's own logic.

The subject matter will begin with prehistoric stone-age developments and proceed to examine a variety of civilizations up to the beginnings of European hegemony. Major themes will include components of civilizations, uniqueness of civilizations, and, as a matter of convention, the rise and fall of civilizations.

Each unit will include one exam and one quiz scheduled for the following dates

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>: Quiz one

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Exam one

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: Quiz two

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Exam two

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>: Quiz three

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>: Exam three

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: Quiz four

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Exam four (final exam)

Exam questions will come from materials presented in lecture.

Quiz materials will be distributed by the instructor.

**Grade Calculations:**

Examinations: 50% of final grade

Quizzes: 10% each (40% total)

Participation and Attendance 10%

“The truth isn’t easily pinned to a page. In the bathtub of history the truth is harder to hold than the soap, and much more difficult to find. . . .” Terry Pratchett

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Students should maintain all materials returned by the professor