

History 1003, Section 1
Lockett 15
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MWF 10:30 – 11:20 am

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Western Civilization, 1500-present

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Course Description

This course introduces students to the history of Europe since the Reformation. This section of 1003 is organized around the themes of **freedom** and **capitalism**. While we often instinctively celebrate the advance of both, we rarely stop to think about what these ideas mean, how they have been interpreted differently in past eras, and how they may conflict with one another. This course provides an overview of European history with specific attention to these issues.

Catalogue Statement

HIS 1003 Western Civilization since 1500 (3). An honors course, HIST 1004, is also available. Development of Western civilization from the Reformation to the present.

General Education Requirements

HIST 1003 fulfills three hours toward the General Education requirements for the humanities, by addressing the following competency: LSU graduates will demonstrate an understanding of historical, cultural, and philosophical complexity which supports sophisticated discourse.

Course Objectives

Students in this course will develop an ability to make sense of the past by reconstructing causal patterns, identifying trends, and making informed comparisons between different historical cases. Students will grasp the influence of varied and complex historical factors on the lives of individuals in societies, and develop critical thinking and source analysis skills.

Attendance and Make-Ups

Students are responsible for the material covered and any information or assignments given on the day of their absence. Make-up exams and quizzes will be only if:

1. The student has a justifiable conflict and arranges a mutually agreeable make-up time at least **48 hours before** the exam/quiz, or;
2. The student has a university-approved excuse or a signed doctor's note, and informs me or the T.A. of his/her need to for a makeup **within 48 hours** of the exam/quiz.

Academic Honesty

Cheating will not be tolerated in any fashion in this course. All written assignments must be your own. Cheating may result in failure of the course or suspension from LSU.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

You may discuss issues with me at any time. To request official academic accommodations, you should also seek the assistance of the Office of Disability Services (112 Johnston Hall, 578-5919). You should make all formal requests **in the first weeks of the semester**.

Grades and Timeline:

Quizzes: 3 x 10% = 30%

There will be three in-class quizzes of approximately 20 minutes each. These will cover materials and maps from the previous weeks of lecture.

Quiz Dates: Mon. 9/11, Mon. 10/16, Mon. 11/13

In-Class Exams: 2 x 20% = 40%

Two in-class exams will be held. **Mon. 9/25, Mon. 10/30**

Final Exam: 30%

A final exam, covering the entire course (but weighted towards the second half) will be held **Friday Dec. 8 at 10 am**

All assignments will be graded on a 100-point scale. They will be averaged according to the weighting above, and the final grade will be calculated as follows:

A+ 100 or above | A 93-99.9 | A- 90-92.9 | B+ 87-89.9 | B 83-86.9 | B- 80-82.9 | C+ 77-79.9 | C 73-76.9 | C- 70-72.9 | D+ 67-69.9 | D 63-66.9 | D- 60-62.9 | F 0-59.9

Extra Credit:

The exams and quizzes will be challenging, making it difficult to earn an 'A' in the course without extra credit. For this reason there will be extra credit discussion sections each week. Here you will discuss the material in depth and be able to ask clarifying questions. For every week that you attend a section and participate, you will add 1% to your **final** grade (up to a maximum of 10%).

Textbook:

Many Europes, Vol. II is the only required text. More information is available on Moodle.

Schedule of Readings and Lectures:

All readings will either be in the textbook (labeled with #) or on Moodle (labeled with *)

Week 1: The Reformation

Many Europes, Ch. 13

Luther, 95 Theses

* The Twelve Demands of the Peasants

* Policing Calvin's Church

8/21: Why Study Europe? The Big Picture

8/23: Religious Revolutions

8/25: State, Religion, and Society Post-Luther

Week 2: The 17th Century

Many Europes, Ch. 14 AND Ch. 15 to pg. 471

The Trial of King Charles I

* Hobbes, Elements of Law, Pt. II, Ch. 10, Para. 8

* Bossuet, Defense of Divine Right

8/28: The Terrible, No-Good 17th Century

8/30: Hierarchy and Political Rights

9/1: English Wars and Revolutions

Week 3: Revolutions in Thought

Many Europes, Ch. 15 (remainder)

* Galileo on Science and the Bible

* Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations, excerpts

9/4: No class – Labor Day

9/6: Scientific Revolutions

9/8: Europe Gets Richer, At What Cost?

Week 4: The Enlightenment

Many Europes, Ch. 16

* *Encyclopedie*, Entries for “Man” and “Encyclopedia”

* Rousseau, The Social Contract, excerpts

9/11: Quiz #1 | Reason and Autonomy

9/13: The Social Contract

9/15: Enlightenment and Power

Week 5: The French Revolution

Many Europes, Ch. 17

* Declaration of the Rights of Man

* Declaration of the Rights of Woman

* Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France

9/18: The French Revolution

9/20: The Revolution and Its Legacy

9/22: Napoleon and European Order

Week 6: After Napoleon

Many Europes, Ch. 18

Engels, *Condition of the Working Class in England* (in textbook)

* Bentham, On Liberalism and Utility

9/25: Exam #1

9/27: The Post-Napoleonic Order

9/29: Liberalism and Industrialization

Week 7: Nations, Classes, Empires

Many Europes, Ch. 19

- * Mazzini, On Italian Unification
- * Marx, Communist Manifesto
- * Life of a London Maid-Servant

10/2: Classes and Socialism

10/4: Nationalism and Nation-States

10/6: European Empires

Week 8: Europe Conquers the World

Many Europes, Ch. 20

- * The Indian Rebels Speak
- * Darwin, *The Descent of Man*
- * The Human Zoo (YouTube, Pt. 1)

10/9: Why Empires?

10/11: Varieties of Imperial Rule

10/13: Imperial Cultures at Home and Abroad

Week 9: Europe Before World War I

Many Europes, Ch. 21

Le Bon, The Crowd

- * Lenin, What is to be Done?
- * Zola, *J'accuse*

10/16: Quiz #2 | The Second Industrial Revolution

10/18: Socialism, Nationalism & The Causes of World War I

10/20: Fall Break – No Class

Week 10: The Great War

Many Europes, Ch. 22

- * Zweig, The World of Yesterday
- # Eisenmenger, Blockade Diary
- * Wilson, Fourteen Points

10/23: A New, Terrible War

10/25: Total War and Occupations

10/27: Revolutions and Collapse

Week 11: The Early Interwar

Many Europes, Ch. 23 (up to pg. 741)

- * Keynes, The Economic Consequences of the Peace
- * Weber, Bureaucracy
- * Graves, Goodbye to All That

10/30: Exam #2

11/1: The 1920s: Liberal Democracy's Triumph?

11/3: The Soviet Union from Revolution to Stalin

Week 12: Fascism and the Great Depression

Many Europes, Ch. 23 (741-end)

* Mussolini, The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism

* Hitler, Vision for Remaking Germany

11/6: Fascism in Italy

11/8: The Great Depression and the Rise of Nazism

11/10: Life under Nazism

Week 13: World War II and the Holocaust

Many Europes, Ch. 24

* Wannsee Protocol

* Survival in Auschwitz, excerpts

11/13: Quiz #3: World War II | Towards Total Destruction

11/15: The Holocaust

11/17: War Defeat

Week 14: Postwar

Many Europes, Ch. 25 (only up to p. 808)

* UN Declaration on Human Rights

11/20: Dividing Europe and the Cold 1950s

11/22 & 11/24: Thanksgiving Break

Week 15: Europe's Place in the World?

Many Europes, Ch. 25 (p. 808 – end)

* Fanon, Wretched of the Earth

* Charter 77

11/27: Decolonization and the EU

11/29: Eastern Europe from Protest to Freedom

12/1: What is Europe today?

Final Exam: Friday Dec. 8 at 10 am