

Syllabus

This course traces the development of Western Civilization from the beginnings of our species (c. 150,000 years ago) to the death of Louis XIV (AD 1715). It concentrates on two themes particular to Western Civilization: God(s) Act(s) in History, and Man is the Measure of All Things. These two themes differentiate Western Civilization from the other three great World Civilizations.

This course is structured around a series of lectures with a text book and outside readings meant to illustrate further what is developed in class. The lectures provide the basis for your ability to do well on the in-class quizzes and in-class essay examinations.

My home page is <http://crab.rutgers.edu/~verbrugg/>, which under courses for 510:101 has this syllabus. Sakai, whose URL is: <https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal> also has a copy of our syllabus. At Sakai Rutgers, when you log in using your Rutgers user name and password, our course should appear along with any other courses you are enrolled in, which also use Sakai. Click on our course (WC 50:510:101:01 F13), and a wealth of information becomes available to you under headings on the left. Please, feel free to explore. This site is **absolutely** essential for success in this course. At the end of the syllabus is a description of our Sakai site.

My office is 200 in 429 Cooper where the Department of History and the Department of Philosophy and Religion are located; my office phone number is 225-6075; my internet e-mail address is Verbrugg@camden.rutgers.edu (please, put "Western Civilization" in the heading to alert me). I will be available for questions or consultation each class day (MWF) during Office Hours from 7:15 to 8:45 AM. If these times are not convenient, arrangements can be made for a mutually agreed upon time for meeting.

Required Readings Available at the Bookstore:

Spielvogel, *Western Civilization*, vol. 1, (8th, 2012) ISBN 1-111-342112-1= Spielvogel (I know how expensive text books are. Previous [Used] editions of Spielvolgel may well suit your needs.).

Required Readings Available on Sakai

Book of Job

Plato's Apology of Socrates

Suetonius' Life of Augustus

Gospel According to Luke

From the *Quran*, Suras 1 (Al-Fâtihah – Prologue), 2 (Al-Baqarah – Cow), 67 (Al-Mulk – Kingdom), 75 (Al-Qiyamah – Resurrection), 113 (Al-Falaq – Rising Day), 114 (An-Nas – Men)

Einhard's Life of Charlemagne

Joinville's Life of Louis IX

Machiavelli's The Prince

Selections from Saint Simon's *Memoires*

Reference works available in the Robeson library, which may be of help and interest:

The Times Atlas of World History

Ref G1030 T54 1979

<i>Times Atlas of the World</i>	Ref G1021 T55 1985
<i>An Encyclopedia of World History</i>	Ref D21.E578 2001 (not available at Rutgers-Camden)
<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i>	Ref BS440.A54 1992
<i>Oxford Classical Dictionary</i> (3rd. ed.)	Ref DE5 O9 2003
<i>Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages</i> (vols. 1-4)	Ref D114 O94 2001 (not available at Rutgers-Camden)
<i>The Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium</i> (vols. 1-3)	Ref DF521.O93 1991
<i>A Popular Dictionary of Islam</i>	Ref BP40 N48 1992
<i>Historical Dictionary of Islam</i>	Ref BP50.A32 2001 (not available at Rutgers-Camden)
<i>Oxford Dictionary of the Renaissance</i>	REF CB361.C27.2003
<i>Europe 1450-1789 Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World</i> (vols 1-6)	REF D209.E97 2004

Articles in other Encyclopedias and from Wikipedia can also clarify some matters.

Basis for the Determination of Final Grade:

There will be 16 Electronic Multiple Choice Tests, 7 Map Exercises, 6 Quizzes, and 4 Essay Examinations. A number grade will be given for each. The average of the 16 Electronic Multiple Choice Tests will count as 20% of the final grade, the average of the 6 Quizzes will count as 25% of the final grade, the average of the four Essay Examinations will count as 50% of the final grade, class and the average of the 7 Map Exercises will count as the remaining 5%. The resulting figure will have the following letter grade correspondence:

100 - 90	= A
89 - 80	= B
79 - 70	= C
69 - 60	= D
59 - 0	= F

Class Policies:

Please feel free to use whatever means you want to help you in class: laptops for note-taking, recordings of lectures, or just plain note taking. The Power Point presentations in class are NOT available on Sakai.

Your in-class quizzes and in-class essays are to be your own work exclusively. Notes or prewritten work to be copied during in-class quizzes and in-class essays are not allowed. During in-class quizzes and essays, you should not use your phone or computer, nor should you disrupt the class by leaving and returning to your seat. Please, take care of bathroom necessities before or after class.

I expect the reading assignments to be done for the class day they are assigned. A good rule of thumb is that for every hour of class, two hours of preparation are necessary.

The Electronic Multiple Choice Tests **SHOULD BE** completed by the date listed on the syllabus. If you look at the dates on Sakai for these tests, the due dates are different, as I want you to have available these electronic multiple-choice tests to help you with our in-class quizzes and essay tests. Stated policy is that late Map Exercises will not be accepted and that there are **NO** make-up Essay Examinations or Quizzes. This policy is easily vitiated (Please, look

up the word *vitiated*, if you don't know what I mean here.), if you are going to have to miss turning a Map Exercise in on time or taking a Quiz or Essay Examination when scheduled because of absolutely unavoidable circumstances. Courtesy and I, however, demand that you notify me **beforehand** or in an unforeseen and unforeseeable situation **as soon as possible** afterwards (**NOT** just the next time you happen to be in class) in person, by phone, or by e-mail so that **arrangements can be made to make up** the map assignment, quiz, or essay examination you unavoidably missed.

Schedule of meetings, assignments, and examinations (all reading assignments are to be completed before class that day):

Sept. 4 Introduction to the Course – Themes and Divisions
 Sept. 4 (Wednesday) Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown

Sept. 6 The Ancient Near East— A Sense of Time; Permanent Farming and Civilization
 Spielvogel, Chapter 1

Sept. 9 The Ancient Near East—The Bronze Age: The Great Empires of Egypt and Mesopotamia; The First Theme of Western Civilization

Sept. 10 Last day to DROP a course without a \$5.00 fee and a "W" grade

Sept. 11 End of the Bronze Age: End of the First Great Empires
 Electronic Multiple Choice Test 1 to be completed

Sept. 13 The Iron Age: New Empires, Same Theme
 Spielvogel, Chapter 2
 Map Exercise 1 Due
 Sept. 13 Friday Yom Kippur begins at sunset

Sept. 16 The Iron Age: The Hebrews
 Book of Job
 Electronic Multiple Choice Test 2 to be completed

Sept. 18 The Greeks and the *polis*: A New Theme of Western Civilization
 Spielvogel, Chapter 3

Sept. 20 The Greeks: Tyranny, Aristocracy, and Democracy
 Map Exercise 2 Due
 Electronic Multiple Choice Test 3 to be completed

Sept. 23 The Greeks: Self-Destruction

Plato's *Apology of Socrates*

Sept. 25 The Greeks – Their cultural gifts

Sept. 27 The Hellenistic Age: The Spread of the Two Themes
Spielvogel, Chapter 4
Quiz 1 (Chapters 1 and 2, Chapter 3)

Sept. 30 The Hellenistic Age and the Romans: A Unified Western Civilization
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 4 to be completed

Oct. 2 FIRST ESSAY EXAMINATION

Oct. 4 The Romans - the Republic: model government
Spielvogel, Chapter 5

Oct. 7 The Romans - the Republic: its problems

Oct. 9 The Romans - the Republic and the transition to the Empire
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 5 to be completed
Life of Augustus

Oct. 11 The Romans - the Empire: a model
Spielvogel, Chapter 6

Oct. 14 The Romans - the Empire and Christianity
Gospel According to Luke
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 6 to be completed
Map Exercise 3 Due

Oct. 14 Monday Eid al-Adha begins at sunset

Oct. 16 **Quiz 2 (Chapters 4 and 5 and Chapters 5 and 6)**
The Romans - Christianity

Oct. 18 Rome's Heirs: Byzantine Empire, Islamic Empires, and the Christian West
Spielvogel, Chapter 7
Quran, Suras 1 (Al-Fâtihah - Prologue), 2 (Al-Baqarah – Cow), 67 (Al-Mulk – Kingdom), 75 (Al-Qiyamah – Resurrection), 113 (Al-Falak – Rising Day), and 114 (An-Nas – Men)

Oct. 21 Rome's Heirs: Byzantine Empire, Islamic Empires, the Christian West
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 7 to be completed

Oct. 23 The Early Middle Ages: The Recovery
Spielvogel, Chapter 8

Map Exercise 4 Due

Oct. 25 The Early Middle Ages: The Foundation
Quiz 3 (Chapter 7 and Chapter 8)
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 8 to be completed
 Einhard's *Life of Charlemagne*

Oct. 28 **SECOND ESSAY EXAMINATION**

Oct. 30 The High Middle Ages: The Highly Organized Christian Church
 Spielvogel, Chapter 9
Map Exercise 5 Due

Nov. 1 The High Middle Ages: Culture and the Universities
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 9 to be completed

Nov. 4 The High Middle Ages: The Medieval Kingdoms and the Beginnings of the National Secular State
 Spielvogel, Chapter 10

Nov. 6 The High Middle Ages: The Medieval Kingdoms and the Beginnings of the National Secular State
 Joinville's *Life of St. Louis*
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 10 to be completed

Nov. 8 The Late Middle Ages: Decline of the Highly Organized Christian Church
 Spielvogel, Chapter 11

Nov. 11 The Late Middle Ages: Dissolution and the Black Death
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 11 to be completed

Nov. 13 **Quiz 4 (Chapters 9 and 10 and Chapters 10 and 11)**
 Renaissance: The End of the Medieval World
 Spielvogel, Chapter 12
 Machiavelli, *The Prince*

Nov. 13 Wednesday Ashurah begins at sunset

Nov. 15 Renaissance: The Beginnings of Our Modern World
Map Exercise 6 Due
Electronic Multiple Choice Test 12 to be completed

Nov. 18 **THIRD ESSAY EXAMINATION**

Nov. 19 Last Day to Drop Course with a W grade and without academic penalty

Nov. 20	The Reformation: Further Difficulties for the Highly Organized Christian Church Spielvogel, Chapter 13
Nov. 22	The Reformation and the National Secular State Electronic Multiple Choice Test 13 to be completed
Nov. 25	Quiz 5 (Chapter 12 and Chapter 13) The Reformation and the Triumph of the National Secular State
Nov. 27 (Friday Schedule)	Western Civilization becomes a World Civilization Spielvogel, Chapter 14
	Nov. 27 Wednesday Hanukha begins at sunset
	Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 Thanksgiving Day Recess
Dec. 2	Western Civilization becomes a World Civilization Map Exercise 7 Due Electronic Multiple Choice Test 14 to be completed
Dec. 4	The National Secular State: Absolute and Limited Monarchy Spielvogel, Chapter 15
Dec. 6	The National Secular State: Absolute and Limited Monarchy Saint Simon's <i>Memoires</i> Chapters 72 (LXXII) through 78 (LXXVIII) Electronic Multiple Choice Test 15 to be completed
Dec. 9	Strengths and Weaknesses: Absolute and Limited Monarchy; Scientific Revolution Spielvogel, Chapter 16
Dec. 11	Scientific Revolution (cont'd) Electronic Multiple Choice Test 16 to be completed
	Dec. 12 & 13 Reading period
Dec. 16	Monday-Final Examination Period 9:00 A.M. QUIZ 6 (Chapters 14 and 16 and Chapter 15) FOURTH ESSAY EXAMINATION

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The menu on the left side of the screen, after you have logged into Sakai (use your Rutgers Net ID and password) and clicked on our course (WC 50:510:101:01 F13), offers:

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You are at [Home](#).

Under [Announcements](#) will appear any communications we need to make.

[Resources](#) contain the following:

Essay Examination Questions – These are the exact essay questions which will appear on our in-class essay examinations. Please look at them throughout the course of the class, as what I say in class will have a direct bearing on your ability to answer these questions. During the actual essay examination (you will have to answer two of these questions – my choice – see sample essay question test), the helpful questions in blue will NOT appear on the test.

Map Exercises, Definitions – Maps 1 to 7 is a Word File containing the map exercises.

Download the file, print out the map exercises, and turn each one in when it is due.

Definitions Offered is an htm file (ignore all the other files, which are either .jpg or .gif files and form part of Definitions Offered.htm), which contains terms and definitions I go over in class. You should familiarize yourself with these.

Readings – This folder contains all of the outside-class readings I would like you to do during the course. In addition to those files, whose names contain the content of the readings, there is a file called READINGS.HTM, which contains essential questions about the individual readings. It would be foolish to ignore this file.

Sample Quiz, Chapter Identifications – Please look at Sample Quiz.htm, as it contains not only an example of what the first in-class quiz will look like, but is an example of the form that all the in-class quizzes will have. Chapter Identifications contains a list of the identifications from which all the identifications of the in-class quizzes will come.

Syllabus – It contains a copy of this syllabus in both html format and Word format.

[Tests and Quizzes](#) contains the electronic Multiple Choice Tests you are to take at your own time and choosing. Please note that you can take each of these Multiple Choice Tests as many times as you'd like, but only the highest score you achieve will be recorded.

[Gradebook](#) – Here you can see the scores of your electronic Multiple Choice Tests. It does NOT contain the scores of your in-class quizzes, essay examinations, and maps. All that material will be returned to you, so you can see how you are doing.

[Site Info](#) – Here there is basic information about our site.

[Help](#) – Clicking on this opens a separate window with help on using Sakai. It does not offer any help with our course.

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Verbrugghe
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Fine Arts 110
MWF—9:05-10:00 A.M.

Mini-Syllabus

The full syllabus is available on both my web site: <http://crab.rutgers.edu/~verbrugg/>, under courses for 510:101 and on Sakai: <https://sakai.rutgers.portal>. At Sakai Rutgers, the full syllabus is available in two forms, as a web document and in a .pdf file. **IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT YOU PRINT OUT A COPY OF THE FULL SYLLABUS.**

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Please, if you have any questions, no matter how minor you might consider them, ASK. Ask either in class, or in an e-mail, or come to my office. But ASK!

If you find yourself having trouble with this course, the time to come and see me is in September and October. DO NOT WAIT until November.

Dates of Electronic Tests	Due Dates of Map Assignments	Due Date of In-Class Quizzes	Due Date of In-Class Essay Examinations
Sept.11 MC Test 1	Sept. 13 Map 1	Sept. 27 Quiz 1	Oct. 2 Essay 1
Sept. 16 MC Test 2	Sept. 20 Map 2	Oct. 16 Quiz 2	Oct. 28 Essay 2
Sept. 20 MC Test 3	Oct. 14 Map 3	Oct. 25 Quiz 3	Nov. 18 Essay 3
Sept. 30 MC Test 4	Oct. 23 Map 4	Nov. 13 Quiz 4	Dec. 16 Essay 4
Oct. 9 MC Test 5	Oct. 30 Map 5	Nov. 25 Quiz 5	
Oct. 14 MC Test 6	Nov. 15 Map 6	Dec. 16 Quiz 6	
Oct. 21 MC Test 7	Dec. 2 Map 7		
Oct. 25 MC Test 8			
Nov. 1 MC Test 9			
Nov.6 MC Test 10			
Nov. 11 MC Test 11			
Nov. 15 MC Test 12			
Nov. 22 MC Test 13			
Dec. 2 MC Test 14			
Dec. 6 MC Test 15			
Dec.11 MC Test 16			