History 103 (CRN 35242): Syllabus
Time: MWF, 9:00-9:50 p.m.
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Western Civilization, Part III: From Napoleon Bonaparte to the Present

Course Description:

This course surveys political, social, and intellectual life of Modern European Civilization in its interaction with the wider world. The course begins with a brief summary of the legacy of the French Revolution, covers major events and developments that helped shape the history of the 19th and 20th centuries, and culminates in the discussion of visions and challenges of the post-colonial and post-Soviet world. Readings include the main textbook by Judith Coffin and co-authors, **Western Civilizations: Their History and Their Culture**, and selections from primary sources and documents by James M. Brophy and co-authors, **Perspectives from the Past**. There are two vital components of instruction within this course’ format—weekly lectures in the main auditorium and separate group meetings in the assigned discussion sections.

Discussion Section Leaders:

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As people primarily responsible for keeping track of the students’ performance, the discussion sections leaders are the students’ primary contacts. The students, therefore, should first direct all their questions concerning assignments, due dates, absences, etc to their respective discussion section leaders.

Required Readings: (available at the UO Bookstore)

Judith Coffin and co-authors, **Western Civilizations: Their History and Their Culture**, Volume C.

James M. Brophy and co-authors, **Perspectives from the Past: From the Age of Exploration through Contemporary Times**, Volume 2.

Additional primary source readings are available on Blackboard

Course Requirements:
Students are responsible for the timely completion of all reading assignments, submission of one course paper (5-7 pages), and regular attendance of lectures and discussion section meetings. Failure to attend discussion sections regularly without a reasonable excuse may result in a “no pass” grade. The overall course grade will be determined as follows:

1. Attendance and participation in discussion sections (20%)
2. Midterm Examination (20%)
3. Course Paper (20%)
4. Final Examination (40%)

**Course Paper:**

In Week Six, a list of paper topics will be posted on Blackboard, from which you will have to choose one. Whatever the topic, however, you will have to familiarize yourself with the instructions and suggestions on how to write a good history paper, penalties for plagiarism, and other relevant issues (also posted on Blackboard). The papers will be due in discussion sections during Week Nine.

**Week One: From the French Revolution to the Nineteenth-Century Society**

**March 31:** Legacy of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era: Summary
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 18

**April 2:** The Industrial Revolution in Britain and on the Continent
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 19, p. 617--631

**April 4:** The Social Consequences of Industrialization
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 19, p. 631-651

**Discussion Section Readings:** *Perspectives from the Past:*
Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine, *Opposing Views of the Revolution* (on Blackboard)
Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, p. 303-308

**Week Two: From Restoration to Revolution, 1815-1848**

**April 7:** The Search for Order in the Post-Napoleonic Europe, 1815-1830
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 20, p. 653-666

**April 9:** New Ideologies in Politics
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 20, p. 666-677

**April 11:** Reform and More Revolutions
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 20, p. 677-685

**Discussion Section Readings:** *Perspectives from the Past:*
Benjamin Constant, *The Principles of Politics*, p. 342-344
Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, p. 344-348


**Week Three: Delimiting a Nation: Territories, States and Citizens, 1848-1871**

**April 14:** Nationalism and Revolution of 1848  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 21, p. 687-705

**April 16:** Building the Nation-State in Western and Central Europe  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 21, p. 705-715

**April 18:** Nation and State Building in Russia and the United States  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 21, p. 715-725

**Discussion Section Readings:** Perspectives from the Past:  
Johann Gottlieb Fichte, *Addresses to the German Nation*, p. 377-380  
Ernest Renan, *What is a Nation*, p. 391-394

**Week Four: Imperialism and Colonialism, 1870-1914**

**April 21:** Imperialism in South Asia, China, and Russia  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 22, p. 727-742

**April 23:** The French Empire and Imperial Culture  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 22, p. 742-753

**April 25:** Crises of Empire at the Turn of the 20th Century  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 22, p. 753-759

**Discussion Section Readings:** Perspectives from the Past:  
David Livingstone, *Cambridge Speech of 1857*, p. 399-402  
Friedrich Fabri, *Does Germany Need Colonies?*, p. 409-410  
Edmund D. Morel, *The Black Man’s Burden*, p. 413-417  
Vladimir Lenin, *Imperialism as the Highest Stage of Capitalism*, p. 417-420

The Midterm Study Guide is posted on Blackboard.

**Week Five: Modern Industry and Mass Politics, 1870-1914**

**April 28:** New Technologies and Global Transformations  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 23, p. 761-770; 786-797

**April 30:** Suffrage, the Women’s Movement, and the Challenge of Liberalism  
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 23, p. 771-786
May 2: Midterm Examination. Please bring your green books to class.

Discussion Section Readings: Perspectives from the Past:
Eduard Bernstein, Evolutionary Socialism, p. 423-425
Vladimir Lenin, Our Program, p. 426-428
Francis Galton, “Eugenics: Definition, Scope, and Aims,” p. 451-455
Theodore Hertzl, The Jewish State, p. 455-459

Week Six: The First World War, 1914-1918

May 5: From the Origins to the Stalemate of 1915
General Readings: Western Civilizations, Chapter 24, p. 799-806
May 7: Trench Warfare, Home Front, and the Russian Revolutions of 1917
General Readings: Western Civilizations, Chapter 24, p. 807-826
May 9: The Road to German Defeat and the Peace Settlement
General Readings: Western Civilizations, Chapter 24, p. 826-835

Discussion Section Readings: Perspectives from the Past:
Press Reports from the Front (as published in the government-censored French newspapers), p. 472-474
Ernst Junger, The Storm of Steel: From the Diary of a German Storm-Trooper
Officer on the Western Front, p. 475-478
Vera Britain, Testament of Youth, p. 478-483
The Versailles Treaty (excerpts), p. 483-489

A choice of paper topic options and instructions are posted on Blackboard.

Week Seven: Turmoil during the Interwar Period

May 12: USSR under Lenin and Stalin
General Readings: Western Civilizations, Chapter 25, p. 837-849
May 14: The Rise of Fascism in Italy and Germany
General Readings: Western Civilizations, Chapter 25, p. 849-860
May 16: The Great Depression and the Interwar Culture
General Readings: Western Civilizations, Chapter 25, p. 860-871

Discussion Section Readings: Perspectives from the Past:
N.N. Sukhanov, The Russian Revolution, 1917, p. 493-497
Order Number One, 1 March 1917, p. 498-499
Daily Life Under Stalin, p. 504-509
Benito Mussolini, “Born of a Need for Action,” p. 509-512
Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf, p. 513-517
Sigmund Freud, Civilization and Its Discontent, p. 527-529

Week Eight: The Second World War
May 19: From the Settlement of Unsettled Quarrels to a Global War
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 26, p. 873-887

May 21: The War in the East, the Holocaust, and the Occupation of Europe
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 26, p. 887-902

May 23: Home Fronts, the Battle of Economies, Allied Offensives, and the A-Bomb
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 26, p. 902-909

**Discussion Section Readings:** *Perspectives from the Past:*
Marc Bloch, *Strange Defeat* (on Blackboard)
Vassily Grossman, “In the Line of the Main Attack” (on Blackboard)
Tadataka Kuribayashi, A Child’s Experience: My Experience of the Atomic Bomb, p. 544-548

**Week Nine: The Cold War**

May 26: No Class in Observance of the Memorial Day
May 30: From the Descent of the Iron Curtain to Khrushchev’s Thaw
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 27, p. 911-927

May 30: The Cold War Repercussions around the World and the Postwar Culture
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 27, p. 927-945

**Discussion Section Readings:** *Perspectives from the Past:*
The Novikov Telegram (on Blackboard)

Papers are due this week in discussion sections!!!

**Week Ten: From Velvet Revolutions to the Collapse of the Soviet Union**

June 2: The Postwar Social Change and Cultural Dynamism, 1945-1968
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 28, p. 947-957

June 4: Social Movements in the West and Popular Unrest in the Soviet-Controlled Eastern Bloc Countries
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 28, p. 957-968

June 6: Perestroika, USSR’s Collapse and Its Aftermath
General Readings: *Western Civilizations*, Chapter 28, p. 968-981

**Discussion Section Readings:** *Perspectives from the Past:*
French Students and Workers Unite in Protest, p. 562-564
Mahatma Gandhi, *The Essential Writings*, p. 580-584
Mikhail Gorbachev, “On Restructuring the Party’s Personnel Policy,” p. 569-573

The Final Exam Study Guide is posted on Blackboard.

**Final Examination:** June 12, Thursday, 10:15am. Please do not forget to bring your green books.