

University of Mobile
HI 101: Western Civilization to 1660
Fall 2013



HI 101: 9:30 am – 10:55 am - T-R – Farmer Hall, room 2

Credit: 3 Semester Hours. One credit hour is equivalent to fifteen hours of faculty instruction and a minimum of thirty hours of student reading and work on other assignments in addition to class time.

Drop Information: Courses dropped after the 2nd day of the term will incur a drop fee and receive a 100% refund of tuition. Courses dropped after August 30, 2013 will incur a drop fee and no refund of tuition. Day courses may be dropped without the “F” penalty before November 5, 2013. (2012-14 Catalog/Student Handbook)

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A webpage for this course can be found by logging into <https://umportal.umobile.edu/ics> and selecting MY COURSES under QUICK LINKS. In order to comply with the Higher Education Act which requires verification of student identity in online work, all online coursework submitted to the faculty member must be completed by file exchange through the course website or sent from the student’s official University E-MAIL ACCOUNT.

PLEASE: Begin the Subject Line of your email with “**HI101-Yourname**” (not Sirmon). This will let me know that you are a HI101 student. Also, some students use nicknames for email addresses that I may not recognize. From time to time I will contact the entire class using your university e-mail addresses. If you do not check your UM email on a **daily** basis, I suggest that you have it forwarded to your primary email address. I expect every student to check for course email not less than every two days. Therefore I will expect all email information to have been received after 48 hours of it being sent.

Office Hours: The preferred method of contacting the instructor between class meetings is by email. He will be available between 11:00 and 11:40 each Tuesday and Thursday. To meet outside of these times, contact Mr. Sirmon by email or phone.

Course Description: HI 101 & 102 is a general survey of European history from the ancient Near East to the present.

History 101 is a course intended to provide the student with an overview of the important political, economic, cultural, and intellectual themes of Western Civilization from the ancient Near East to ca.1600. The goal of this course is to understand how these trends have helped to create the modern West, including both Europe and those lands settled by Westerners at the beginning of the modern era. Class time will consist of formal presentations by the instructor as well as class discussion of assigned readings, documents, etc.

Course Objectives:

Upon the completion of this course, it is expected that the student will have a greater knowledge of:

1. Key concepts, generalizations, and methods of inquiry appropriate to the study of Western Civilizations
2. The origin and historical development of Western civilizations in a chronological and spatial setting.
3. The interrelationship of economic, political, social, psychological, and technological forces in the shaping of societies and cultures.
4. Historical themes concerning the origin and evolution of Western civilization, including evolution of political institutions, religious movements, and population displacement.
5. The five basic themes of geography (location, place, relationships within places, movement, and regions) in shaping Western cultures and societies.
6. Human behavior and social relationships.

Required Text:

Chambers, Mortimer, et al. *The Western Experience. Volume I: To the Eighteenth-Century.* (Tenth Edition, 2010). **The ninth edition is also acceptable.**

Additional readings (or links to them) will be posted on the course website.

Assignments:

Assigned work includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Complete all assigned reading assignments from the text before the class in which it will be discussed. Additional reading assignments or changes to the schedule may be made during the semester. Announced schedule changes are the responsibility of the student.
2. Journal Article Reviews: Three 500 word reviews of articles related to the material covered during the course. The articles selected to be reviewed must be at least 10 pages in length and be **approved at least 1 week prior** to the due date. Late approvals will be penalized 5 points. Reviews may be submitted electronically if the file format is readable by Word 2003 (DOC) or Adobe Reader (PDF). A fourth review may be submitted. The highest three reviews will count toward the course grade. Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late reviews will be penalized 5 points for each day the assignment is overdue.
3. Students are encouraged to attend various lectures that are related to the study of history. The UM History Club/Phi Alpha Theta has several activities each semester. The University of South Alabama History Department sponsors the Stallworth Lecture each fall. Other area lectures and events will be announced in class and on the course website. Bonus points will be awarded (with proof of attendance) at events recommended by the instructor.

Tests/Exams:

Students will four in-class exams. Each test will include objective (multiply choice, matching and map identification) and short-answer/short-essay questions. See class schedule for the dates.

Students will also take periodic on-line quizzes. The schedule for these quizzes will be announced in class.

Evaluation:

Test 1	100 points
Test 2	100 points
Test 3	100 points
Final Exam	100 points
On-Line Quizzes	100 points
Reviews (50 pts each)	150 points
Participation	100 points
TOTAL	750 points

Course letter grades will be assigned:

“A”	>= 90%	>= 675 points
“B”	>= 80%	>= 600 points
“C”	>= 70%	>= 525 points
“D”	>= 60%	>= 450 points
“F”	< 60%	< 450 points

Attendance:

You are expected to attend every class. You are also expected to be *on time* for class. Understandably, situations will arise that require you to be absent or tardy. These situations should not occur regularly. Roll will be taken at each class. Any absence or tardy will affect your participation grade. Each unexcused absence will result in the loss of 3 points from the Class Participation portion of the course evaluation.

Absences due to university-sponsored activities will be excused ONLY IF prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. Students who participate on UM athletic teams should have their coaches send a schedule of anticipated absences early in the semester.

Unexcused absences from a test will result in a grade of **0**. Every effort should be made to contact the instructor as soon as it becomes apparent that the student will be absent from the scheduled test. Arrangements for making up the test **MUST** be completed within 4 calendar days of the absence.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of the University of Mobile to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities as defined in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The University coordinates support resources for students with disabilities and is an accommodation resource for faculty and administration. Eligibility for service requires prior documentation of the disability

Academic Integrity:

Any student found to be disruptive in class, or copying, plagiarizing (with or without an intent to deceive), cheating, engaging in unauthorized use of a test, forging, or lying to a faculty member in order to complete an assignment will be subject to disciplinary action.

For additional information refer to 2012-2014 University Catalog, page 38.

Electronic Devices:

Cell phones should be on silent and out of sight. **No** iPods, etc. are to be used or visible. Laptop computers are permitted for taking class notes.

Fall Semester Holidays: 2013

Labor Day – September 2, 2013
 Fall Break – October 9-11, 2013
 Thanksgiving Holidays – November 25-29

Final Exams: December 9-12, 2013

Tentative Class Schedule: Fall 2013

Aug. 20	Class Introduction	
Aug. 22	<i>The First Civilizations</i>	Text: Ch. 1
Aug. 27	<i>The Forming of Greek Civilization</i>	Text: Ch. 2
Aug. 29	<i>Classical and Hellenistic Greece</i>	Text: Ch. 3
Sept. 3	<i>Classical and Hellenistic Greece</i> (<u>Article 1 Approved</u>).....	Text: Ch. 3
Sept. 5	<i>The Roman Republic</i>	Text: Ch. 4
Sept. 10	<i>The Roman Republic</i> (<u>Review 1 Due</u>).....	Text: Ch. 4
Sept. 12	<i>The Roman Republic</i>	Text: Ch. 4
Sept. 17	<u>EXAM 1</u>	
Sept. 19	<i>The Empire and Christianity</i>	Text: Ch. 5
Sept. 24	<i>The Empire and Christianity</i>	Text: Ch. 5
Sept. 26	<i>The Making of Western Europe</i> (guest lecturer).....	Text: Ch. 6
Oct. 1	<i>Empires of the Early Middle Ages</i> (<u>Art. 2 Approved</u>)	Text: Ch. 7
Oct. 3	<i>Empires of the Early Middle Ages</i>	Text: Ch. 7
Oct. 8	<i>Empires of the Early Middle Ages</i> (<u>Review 2 Due</u>).....	Text: Ch. 7
Oct. 10	<u>Fall Break</u>	
Oct. 15	<u>EXAM 2</u>	
Oct. 17	<i>Restoration of an Ordered Society</i>	Text: Ch. 8
Oct. 22	<i>Restoration of an Ordered Society</i>	Text: Ch. 8
Oct. 24	<i>The Flowering of Medieval Civilization</i>	Text: Ch. 9
Oct. 29	<i>The Urban Economy and the Consolidation of States</i>	Text: Ch. 10
Oct. 31	<i>Breakdown and Renewal in an Age of Plague</i> (<u>Art. 3 Approved</u>).....	Text: Ch. 11
Nov. 5	<i>Tradition and Change in European Culture</i>	Text: Ch. 12
Nov. 7	<i>Tradition and Change in European Culture</i> (<u>Review 3 Due</u>).....	Text: Ch. 12
Nov. 12	<u>EXAM 3</u>	
Nov. 14	<i>Reformations in Religion</i>	Text: Ch. 13
Nov. 19	<i>Reformations in Religion</i>	Text: Ch. 13
Nov. 21	<i>Economic Expansion and a New Politics</i> (<u>Art. 4 Approved</u>)	Text: Ch. 14
Nov. 26	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	
Nov. 28	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	
Dec. 3	<i>War and Crisis</i>	Text: Ch. 15
Dec. 5	<i>War and Crisis</i> (<u>Review 4 Due</u>).....	Text: Ch. 15
Dec. ?	<u>Final Exam</u>	