

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1989-90

Integrated Liberal Studies 207:
History of Western Culture, Part I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course concerns the development of Early Western Civilization from the beginning of Western Eurasia's Iron Age (1000 B.C.) until the fall of Constantinople (A.D. 1453). Because this span of time is extensive, events generated on the shores and the immediate hinterlands of the Mediterranean Sea will receive special attention.

LECTURES

Three lectures each week, and a fourth hour for small-group discussion of current readings and lectures.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS: THE STANDARD OPTION

Students will write a sixth-week examination, an eleventh-week examination OR a short eleventh-week paper (suggested maximum length: 10 to 15 pages), and a final examination. A detailed description of the nature and format of each examination will be circulated at least two weeks prior to the scheduled examination times. Students who wish to write an eleventh-week paper instead of an eleventh-week examination must choose a topic by Friday of the sixth week of the term.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS: AN ALTERNATIVE--A COLLOQUIUM ON THE EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Students who wish to complete the course without following the usual cycle of examinations may participate in a colloquium on the early Christian Community. The colloquium will meet during the weekly small group discussion hour. Participants will present reports on the early Christian Community, and then write a final term paper in two drafts. The first draft will be due on Friday of the ninth week of the term. The instructor will return this draft with suggestions and criticisms, and participants will then hand in a final draft (suggested maximum length: 10 to 20 pages) by the scheduled time of the final examination. Participants will select term paper topics by Friday of the third week of the term.

GRADING SYSTEM

Standard option: 6th week exam 30%, 11th week exam or paper 35%, final exam 35% of the final grade

Colloquium: Participation in colloquium 35%, first draft 30%, final draft of term paper 35% of final grade.

READINGS

- # INTEGRATED LIBERAL STUDIES 207: SPECIAL HANDOUTS
- *% W. H. McNeill, THE RISE OF THE WEST. University of Chicago Press/Phoenix Paperback 385.
- *% THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE. Ed. H. Wansbrough. Doubleday Image Paperback.
- *% Aristophanes, FOUR COMEDIES: LYSISTRATA etc. Ed. W. Arrowsmith. University of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor Paperback no. AA 152.
- *% Petronius, THE SATYRICON/Seneca, THE APOCOLOCYNTOSIS. Tr. J.P. Sullivan. Penguin Paperback.
- *% Giovanni Boccaccio, THE DECAMERON. Tr. G.H. McWilliam. Penguin Paperback.
- &% H. Chadwick, THE EARLY CHURCH. Pelican Paperback (Penguin Books).
- &% HAMMOND WORLD ATLAS/GEMINI EDITION. Hammond Paperback.

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