

**Western Civilization I – F101**  
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**Semester – Fall 2019**

**CRN – 3282**

**Online – 3 Credits**

**Textbook** – The Western Heritage, Volume 1: To 1740, 6<sup>th</sup> ed

**Catalog Description**

A systematic study of the contributions of the ancient Middle East, Egypt, Greece, and Rome to Western Civilization. The above is followed by an examination of the first 1,200 years of Western History (Middle Ages, Renaissance, American Discovery, the Age of Absolutism) with an emphasis on religious, political, economic, intellectual, and social evolution. (Updated November 2014 - *Fulfills a “D” course requirement for students who enrolled in a degree program prior to the Fall 2016 semester.*)

**Learning Expectations**

- ❖ The nature of this course is such that you will learn by completing both individual work and by collaborating, via the Discussion Forum, with your classmates.
- ❖ Weekly assigned Chapter Readings must be completed thoroughly as they will provide the basis for assigned discussions and written assignments.
- ❖ All work must be submitted in a professional manner using appropriate language, proper documentation and fulfilling task requirements.

**Course Requirements**

- ❖ Read the syllabus completely to insure you understand course expectations in advance of due dates!
- ❖ Make sure you have the textbook – if you are waiting, collaborate with a classmate to get the information you need. Late work will not be accepted due to lack of textbook!
- ❖ You are expected to utilize BlackBoard to submit all assignments – emailed assignments will not be accepted. *Any BlackBoard or other technical issues must be referred to the appropriate department at MxCC.*
- ❖ Use the Messages Portal within BlackBoard to communicate with me.

**Evaluation Methods (Total Points Possible for Course)**

• Discussion Forum	<b>700 points</b>	<b>(50pts/week)</b>
• Essay Questions	<b>840 points</b>	<b>(60 pts/week)</b>
• Final PowerPoint Presentation	<b><u>400 points</u></b>	
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>1940 points</b>	

## **I. Discussion Forum**

- ❖ The Discussion Forum is intended to be highly interactive and a way to learn the material with your classmates as well as discover others views of the material.
- ❖ Students are expected to read the designated chapter for each week and then follow the directions within the Discussion Portal which will guide that week's discussion. Students will then interact with their classmates in the Discussion Portal by discussing at least two other responses (not necessarily the question they answered).
  - Your initial post is due Wednesday of each week (posts after Wednesday will incur a late penalty). Posts should be at least two paragraphs and include details from the chapter as well as your own observations/thoughts.
  - Students are required to respond to two classmates by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. each week to earn maximum points (30 for initial post and 10 each for response to classmates).
  - Each student's response must include a compliment, a comment, a connection and a question. This requires more than simply 'agreeing' to what another student has posted!
  - Always be respectful of others (it is okay to disagree!) and use academic language
- ❖ **The Discussion Portal for each week opens on Monday at 12:01 a.m. The Discussion Portal will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday.** Late submissions will **not** be accepted due to the nature of this assignment.

## **II. Essay Questions**

- ❖ There will be a total of three essay questions due each week – multiple questions are located at the end of each chapter under the heading REVIEW QUESTIONS (you choose which three to answer). Essays are worth 20 points each for a total of 60 points each week. Submit your essays together as one document (you are only allowed one submission in BlackBoard) via the 'Weekly Essays' Portal using .doc, .docx or .rtf format only or cut and paste into the text box (that is preferred - do **not** submit in comments section).
- ❖ Submissions must be in proper essay format (paragraph form, complete sentences), grammatically correct, and no spelling errors (use spell-check!). All parts of each question must be answered using information from the chapter, but you may also use outside sources (always cite the source(s) of your information). There is no length requirement but make sure to answer the question completely to receive full credit. Average essay length is a minimum of 5 paragraphs.
- ❖ **The Essay Portal for each week opens each Monday at 12:01 a.m. The deadline for essay submission is the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m.** Late submissions will be accepted but will incur a penalty.

### **III. Final PowerPoint Presentation**

- ❖ The format of the Final will be a PowerPoint Project with multiple components pertaining specifically to course content. More information will be provided in the Portal which will open during Week 13.
- ❖ Late submissions will not be accepted for the final presentation.

### **Weekly Chapter Assignments**

<b>Week 1 - 8/27</b>	<b>Chapter 1</b>
<b>Week 2 - 9/2</b>	<b>Chapter 2</b>
<b>Week 3 - 9/9</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b>
<b>Week 4- 9/16</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b>
<b>Week 5 - 9/23</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b>
<b>Week 6 - 9/30</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b>
<b>Week 7 - 10/7</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b>
<b>Week 8 - 10/14</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b>
<b>Week 9 - 10/21</b>	<b>Chapter 9</b>
<b>Week 10 - 10/28</b>	<b>Chapter 10</b>
<b>Week 11 - 11/4</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>Week 12 - 11/11</b>	<b>Chapter 12</b>
<b>Week 13 - 11/18</b>	<b>Chapter 13</b>
<i>Thanksgiving Week – No Assignment Due</i>	
<b>Week 14, 12/2</b>	<b>Chapter 14</b>
<b>Week 15, 12/9</b>	<b>Final Presentation</b>

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