

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SYLLABUS
HIS 121.11
FALL 2007
WESTERN CIVILIZATION I

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-9:29am, Room 210 of Gwaltney Hall

3 credit hours, 3 contact hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces western civilization from prehistory to the early modern era. Topics include ancient Greece, Rome, and Christian institutions of the Middle Ages and the emergence of national Monarchies in western Europe. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socio-economic, and cultural developments in early western civilization. This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.

Prerequisite: RED 090

Corequisite: None

Instructor: Ken Nelson

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Office Hours:

My goal is the student's success. Therefore, I will be most happy to meet with students. These meetings will be established according to the student and instructor schedules.

COURSE INFORMATION:

Textbook: Chambers, et al. The Western Experience, 9th edition.

Course Objective: That students comprehend how "through the study of European history, we come to appreciate the ideals and conflicts, the failures and accidents, the social needs and human choices that formed the Western world in which we live" (Chambers et al xxiii).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students should prepare for each class meeting by reading all assigned materials. This class is designed to include participatory and discussion activities. Therefore, prior preparation is essential for a successful experience in this course.

- Writing assignments handed in late will receive a deduction of two points per class.
- Writings more than two weeks past due will not be accepted.

Mission Statement and Competencies for the General Education Core at MCC

This course directly supports the mission statement and competencies for the General Education core courses in the Division of Arts and Sciences:

Mayland Community College's General Education core courses will provide the essential body of knowledge and skills that enable all degree-level students to perform competently as employees and as contributing members of society. Graduates of all degree programs at Mayland Community College will have completed the general education core. That core encompasses the essential knowledge and skills that enable all degree-level students to perform competently as employees and as contributing members of society. Upon completion of the general education core, students will be able to demonstrate the following:

1. Effective communication in speaking and listening situations needed for college, personal, and work successes.
2. Effective communication in writing and reading situations needed for college, personal, and work successes.
3. Logical, critical, and creative thinking to evaluate evidence and reach a conclusion
4. Application of basic computer use skills
5. Application of fundamental math skills
6. Basic awareness of the diversity of various world groups from both historical and contemporary contexts

Academic Integrity:

The policy adopted by the MCC Board of Trustees and contained in the Student Code of Conduct reads: "Students are expected to perform honest academic work and follow established College policies and procedures." By enrolling at MCC, you agreed to abide by this code, and you are held to this high standard in Western Civilization. Evidence of plagiarism or cheating will result in failing grade for the assignment and /or the entire course.

Course Evaluation:

Five Examinations will be given in this course. A majority of the examination materials will come from class lecture notes. It is imperative that students attend all class sessions. Each examination will constitute 18% of the final grade. From time to time students will be given writing assignments. These writing assignments will constitute 10% of the final grade.

93-100=A

92-86=B

85-77=C

76-70=D

Below 70=F

Course Withdrawal:

If you are unable to complete this course for any reason, you need to be familiar with MCC's withdrawal policy. Dates for unconditional, conditional and emergency withdrawal are published by the college in the fall schedule and other official publications.

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- Unconditional Withdrawal through Tuesday, 25 September 2007
- Conditional Withdrawal through Thursday, 1 November 2007
- Emergency Withdrawal only through the last day of class

Administrative Withdrawal:

If a student has not been in contact with the instructor and has not attended class for a consecutive two-week period, the instructor will submit an administrative withdrawal.

Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR Office or the Counseling Center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then determine which accommodations, if any, the student's needs for success in this course.