

**Grande Prairie Regional College
ARTS, COMMERCE & EDUCATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE
HI2090 3 credits UT
Fall 2002**

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Introduction:

This course surveys the political, economic, social and cultural history of the European people between 1350 and 1815. The course will trace developments from the Renaissance and Reformation periods to the Age of Absolutism, and will probe the Enlightenment and the end of the Old Regime. to complete the course successfully, students will write one research paper, a mid-term test, and a final examination in December.

Texts: (Available at GPRC Bookstore)

Kagan, Ozment and Turner, **The Western Heritage: since 1300.** Prentice-Hall, 1998. (Heritage)

Dennis Sherman, Ed. **Western Civilization: Images and Interpretations – From the Renaissance to the Present.** McGraw-Hill, 1998 (3rd Edition) (Civilization)

ON LIBRARY RESERVE: Golden, Richard. **Social History of Western Civilization**, Volume II, St. Martin's, 1992. (**SHWC**)

Course Outline: Term One

Week One: Wed. 6 Sept., 2000: Beginnings
Course Introduction – The Survivors
8 Sept.: The Ancient Heritage

Week Two: Renaissance Roots
13 Sept.: Medieval Society and Government
READ: **Heritage**, Introduction.
15 Sept.: Crisis and Conflict
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 9

Week Three: Renaissance: Society and Culture
20 Sept.: Society and Culture
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 10
22 Sept.: The Arts

Week Four: Renaissance: Statecraft and Thought
27 Sept.: The Prince and the Republic in Tension
29 Sept.: Renaissance Humanism: The Debate
READ: **Civilization**, Chapter 1

Week Five: The Reformations
4 Oct.: Protestant and Roman Catholic
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 11
6 Oct.: Battle of Beliefs
READ: **Civilization**, pp. 25-46

Week Six: Societies Militant
11 Oct.: sixteenth Century Society
READ: **SHWC**, pp. 1-27 RESERVE
13 Oct.: Militant Theologians
SEMINAR: READ **Introduction to Contemporary Civilization in the West**, 3rd
Edition, Vol. 1, pp.629-646, 700-712, 717-730, 740-751, 767-776 (RESERVE)

Week Seven: War and Crisis
18 Oct.: Religious Fury
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 12
20 Oct.: Crisis
READ: **Civilization**, pp. 53-86.

Week Eight: Age of Kings
25 Oct.: Constitutionalism
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 13
27 Oct.: The French royal crisis

Week Nine: The Scientific and Commercial Revolutions
1 Nov.: Absolutism
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 14; **Civilization**, pp. 87-100
3 Nov.: Scientific Revolutions
SEMINAR: READ **Civilization**, pp. 102-113

Week Ten: Enlightened Despotism
8 Nov.: The Conduct of the Kings
READ: **Heritage**, Chapters 15, 17, **Civilization**, pp. 114-131

Week Eleven: The Enlightenment
15 Nov.: Society and Thought
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 16, 18
17 Nov.: The Smile of Reason
SEMINAR: READ **Civilization**, Chapter 8, **SHWC**, pp. 28-105 RESERVE

Week Twelve: Age of Revolution
22 Nov.: Crisis of the Ancien Regime
READ: **Heritage**, Chapter 19

24 Nov.: A New Age of Man

SEMINAR: READ Civilization, Chapter 9; SHWC, pp. 106-117 RESERVE.

Week Thirteen: Personalities and Principles

29 Nov/1 Dec.: Terror and Tyranny in a World in Chaos (Film)

Week Fourteen: Napoleon – For and Against

6 Dec.: Napoleon: Conflicting Interpretations

READ: Heritage, Chapter 20.

8 Dec.: Thursday – The Twenty-Five Years' War.

READ: Civilization, Chapter 10

NB: Christmas Exam: To Be Announced

Course Format and Philosophy:

The course consists of two lecture-discussions each week. The lectures will identify and discuss the most significant events and issues of the week and also serve as guides to the texts. Discussions with the class will cover both primary source selections and the approaches taken by historians to the topics as well as the issues raised by the events covered in each session. The test will be short answer in nature, while the examination will consist of essay-type questions. Because debate, discussion and critical analysis are essential to university education, and attendance and participation mark will be given, which measures class appearance and contribution to discussions. All essay topics must be approved by me before final submission. **Late assignments will be penalized 20% each day they are overdue**, UNLESS special permission is secured from me in advance. Any students having difficulty with their assignments or with the course in general are encouraged to see me as soon as possible – after class, by contacting me in the office or calling me at home (between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. please!) at 539-5787. Or use e-mail: I am always willing to help in any way I can.

Marking Scheme:

Essay (eight pages)	30
Christmas Test	30
Attendance and Participation	10
Final Exam	30

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