

COURSE SYLLABUS  
**HIST 1**  
WEST CIV TO 1700

SCHEDULE #7416/3 UNITS  
DAYS: MWF  
SEMESTER: Fall 1996 (8/26-12/20)  
INSTRUCTOR: **JIM WRIGHT**

TIME: 8:20 A.M.-9:05 A.M.  
KINGS RIVER COMM. COLLEGE COURSE  
AT FOWLER HIGH SCHOOL  
ROOM: 202  
OFFICE PHONE: (209) 224-2254  
OFFICE HOURS: MWF 7:45 A.M.-8:20 A.M.

REQUIRED TEXT: WESTERN CIVILIZATION, Vol. 1, 2nd Ed., by Jackson J. Spielvogel (\$47.69).

1. WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY IS A COURSE DESIGNED TO COVER THE HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM ITS PREHISTORIC BEGINNINGS TO THE 17TH CENTURY. WE WILL BE EXAMINING THE MAJOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION DURING THIS PERIOD IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND HOW OUR CIVILIZATION HAS DEVELOPED AND HOW IT MAY CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.
2. THE OBJECTIVE IS FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO:
  1. DESCRIBE THE EVOLUTION OF NEAR EASTERN CIVILIZATION FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES TO THE EMERGENCE OF MESOPOTAMIA AND EGYPT.
  2. DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL SYSTEMS FUNDAMENTAL TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE 17TH CENTURY.
  3. IDENTIFY IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN HISTORY FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE 1600'S.
  4. ANALYZE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND MOVEMENTS PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION UP TO THE 17TH CENTURY.
  5. ANALYZE THE INTERPLAY AND EXCHANGE BETWEEN NON-WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS AND THE WEST LEADING UP TO THE 1600'S.
  6. DESCRIBE THE SPREAD OF WESTERN ECONOMICS, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE THROUGH EXPLORATION AND COLONIZATION DURING THE 15TH, 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES.
  7. EVALUATE IDEAS AND INTELLECTUAL TRENDS WHICH HAVE INFLUENCED THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN CULTURE UP TO THE 1600'S.

8. IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMINENT PERSONS, PLACES, AND EVENTS FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE 1600'S.
  9. COMPARE AND CONTRAST INTELLECTUAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WITH EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.
3. **GRADING:** ALL EXAMS ARE WORTH 100 POINTS EXCEPT THE FINAL. THE FINAL IS WORTH 200 POINTS WITH ONE HUNDRED MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.
- A. (600 POINTS) **6 TESTS:** MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS WORTH 2 POINTS EACH. THE LOWEST TEST SCORE OF THE FIRST 5 TESTS WILL BE THROWN OUT. TESTS MUST BE TAKEN ON SCANTRON FORM 888-E, AND YOU MUST USE A #2 PENCIL. MAKE SURE YOU WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR EXAM AND ON YOUR SCANTRON AND THAT YOU PUT YOUR TEST VERSION ON YOUR SCANTRON.
  - B. (100 POINTS) **PAPER:** YOUR PAPER MUST BE TYPED WITH A MINIMUM 5 PAGE BODY. YOU WILL BE GRADED ON FORM (15%), TYPING (15%), AND CONTENT (70%). DO YOUR OWN WORK--DON'T PLAGIARIZE.

YOUR PAPER IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1996, AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS. MAKE SURE YOU USE THE FOLLOWING FORM: TITLE PAGE MUST BE CENTERED BOTH VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY. THE FIRST PAGE OF THE BODY MUST HAVE A 2" TOP MARGIN WITH 1" SIDE AND BOTTOM MARGINS. ALL SUBSEQUENT PAGES MUST HAVE 1" MARGINS ALL AROUND AND A PAGE NUMBER IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER. YOU MUST ALSO HAVE A BIBLIOGRAPHY OR WORKS CITED PAGE. THE BODY OF THE PAPER MUST BE DOUBLE SPACED WITH 5 SPACE PARAGRAPH INDENTIONS. LATE PAPERS MAY BE TURNED IN TO ME PERSONALLY FOR A SCORE OF ½ OF WHAT IS EARNED. A LATE PAPER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEYOND TWO WEEKS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

4. **GRADING SCALE:** IN THE EVENT WE DON'T COMPLETE ALL EXAMS, THE GRADING SCALE WILL BE ADJUSTED DOWNWARD.

TOTAL 700 POINTS POSSIBLE:

A = 630+ (90%+)  
B = 560 - 629 (80%+)  
C = 420 - 559 (60%+)  
D = 350 - 419 (50%+)  
F = 349 - (under 50%)

5. **EXTRA CREDIT:** THERE WILL BE TWO UNANNOUNCED EXTRA CREDIT QUIZZES WORTH 25 POINTS EACH (13 TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS AND/OR ONE ESSAY QUESTION)

GIVE DURING THE SEMESTER, AS WELL AS, ONE SHORT PAPER (2 PAGES) WORTH 25 POINTS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS WITH THE TOPIC SELECTED BY THE STUDENT, BUT APPROVED BY THE INSTRUCTOR.

6. READING ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO CLASS DISCUSSION OF THE ASSIGNMENT. COME TO CLASS PREPARED.
7. IF YOU MISS AN EXAM, FOR ANY REASON, YOU MAY MAKE IT UP, ONE TIME ONLY. YOU MUST MAKE UP THE EXAM DURING MY OFFICE HOURS AND IT WILL BE A ONE QUESTION ESSAY EXAM, SO BRING A BLUE BOOK. IF YOU MISS A SECOND EXAM, YOU MAY NOT MAKE IT UP, AS IT WILL BE THE EXAM THROWN OUT AS THE LOWEST SCORE. IF YOU MISS THE EXAM DUE TO A SCHOOL FUNCTION, YOU MAY MAKE IT UP, BUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR MUST LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL FUNCTION. YOU HAVE 1 WEEK TO MAKE UP THE EXAM AFTER RETURNING TO SCHOOL. AFTER 1 WEEK, YOU MAY NOT MAKE UP THE MISSED EXAM.
8. IF YOU WISH TO ARGUE AN EXAM, YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO DO SO BEFORE THE NEXT EXAM IS GIVEN. EXCEPTION--YOU MAY NOT ARGUE THE FINAL.
9. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW YOUR GRADE, BRING A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED POSTCARD TO THE FINAL.
10. ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT. THEREFORE, IF YOU MISS 6 CLASSES, THE INSTRUCTOR MAY DROP YOU. PUNCTUALITY IS ALSO IMPORTANT. THEREFORE, EVERY 2 TARDIES WILL CONSTITUTE AN ABSENCE. YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED ABSENT/TARDY IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE CLASSROOM WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED OR ROLL HAS BEEN TAKEN.
11. YOU MAY TAKE THE FINAL ONLY DURING THE DESIGNATED FINAL TIME. PLEASE DO NOT ASK TO TAKE YOUR FINAL AT ANY OTHER TIME FOR ANY REASON. THE FINAL IN THIS COURSE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1996, AT 8:20 A.M.
12. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING DISCUSSED IN CLASS. IF YOU ARE ABSENT, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU MISSED. I RECOMMEND YOU TRADE PHONE NUMBERS WITH ANOTHER CLASS MEMBER SO YOU CAN EXCHANGE INFORMATION.
13. PAPERS TURNED IN WILL NOT BE RETURNED. IF YOU WISH TO SEE YOUR PAPER AFTER IT IS GRADED, PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT DURING MY OFFICE HOURS.
14. THE LAST DAY TO DROP THIS CLASS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1996.
15. CAMPUS CODE REQUIRES SHOES OR SANDALS AND A SHIRT BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. NO EATING, DRINKING, OR SMOKING IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM. NO CHILDREN, AND/OR PETS WILL BE ALLOWED TO "SIT IN".

16. IF A STUDENT IS CAUGHT CHEATING, SHE/HE WILL EITHER BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS OR FAILED.
17. A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE (INCLUDING THE FINAL) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE (C OR HIGHER).
18. HOLIDAYS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1996 (LABOR DAY)  
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1996 (IN SERVICE: STUDENTS OFF)  
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1996 (VETERAN'S DAY)  
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1996 (20 MINUTE CLASS)  
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1996 (THANKSGIVING)
19. SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS (TENTATIVE):
  - WEEK 1 - INTRODUCTION & CHAPTER 1  
 August 26, 28, 30
  - WEEK 2 - CHAPTER 2  
 September 4, 6
  - WEEK 3 - CHAPTER 3; TEST 1 (CHAPTERS 1-2)  
 September 9, 11, 13
  - WEEK 4 - CHAPTER 4  
 September 16, 18, 20
  - WEEK 5 - CHAPTER 5; TEST 2 (CHAPTERS 3-4)  
 September 23, 25, 27
  - WEEK 6 - CHAPTER 6  
 September 30, October 2, 4
  - WEEK 7 - CHAPTER 7; TEST 3 (CHAPTERS 5-6)  
 October 7, 9, 11
  - WEEK 8 - CHAPTER 8  
 October 16, 18
  - WEEK 9 - CHAPTER 9; TEST 4 (CHAPTERS 7-8)  
 October 21, 23, 25
  - WEEK 10 - CHAPTER 10  
 October 28 & 30, November 1

- WEEK 11 - CHAPTER 11  
November 4, 6, 8
- WEEK 12 - CHAPTER 12  
November 13, 15
- WEEK 13 - CHAPTER 13; TEST 5 (CHAPTERS 9-12)  
November 18, 20, 22
- WEEK 14 - CHAPTER 14  
November 25, 27
- WEEK 15 - CHAPTER 15  
December 2, 4, 6
- WEEK 16 - CHAPTER 16  
December 9, 11, 13
- WEEK 17 - REVIEW OF COURSE  
December 16
- FINAL EXAM: (CHAPTERS 13-16)  
December 18

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE ABOVE AND TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING ITS CONTENTS BY WAY OF EXPLANATION AND CLARIFICATION.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_