

## CIV101 | Western Civilization I

### Course Texts

Sherman, Dennis and Salisbury, Joyce. *The West in the World*, 5th edition, McGraw-Hill, 2014, ISBN: 9780073407036

Wilson, Julianna. *Western Civilization I*, Achieving the Dream, 2020

Wilson, Julianna. *Western Civilization II*, Achieving the Dream, 2020

### Course Description

Beginning with the emergence of human communities, this course walks students through ancient civilizations and into the rise of Western society. Students will explore the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Rome, and Greece before learning about the Islamic world, Byzantium, the Renaissance, and the Scientific Revolution. Western Civilization I is a broad overview of key events and people that shaped the course of Western society. Students will explore these topics through readings, videos, and direct engagement with primary sources.

### Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify key moments in the development of Western society.
2. Describe the social, economic, and political impact that the discovery of the New World had on Europe.
3. Analyze original historical materials.
4. Interpret primary sources within their appropriate historical context.
5. Organize historical events into chronological order.
6. Justify your thinking with well-organized and well-supported thoughts.
7. Compare and contrast early Western societies.
8. Examine the secularization of religious authority to develop a deeper understanding of the political underpinnings of the Medieval world.
9. Explain the rise and fall of the ancient Greek, Roman, and Egyptian civilizations.
10. Identify and explain the social and political impact of the Scientific Revolution.

### Course Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites to take this course.

### Academic Integrity Statement

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an honest, truthful and responsible manner. Violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication and academic misconduct. Failure to comply with the Academic Integrity Policy can result in a failure and/or zero on the attempted assignment/examination, a removal from the course, disqualification to enroll in future courses, and/or revocation of an academic transcript. Penalties for academic integrity violations can be retroactively applied upon discovery, and at our discretion.

### Course Completion Policy

In order for a course to be considered complete, **all required coursework must be attempted, submitted, and graded.** Required coursework consists of graded assignments. Any Academic Integrity Policy violations may prevent a course from being considered complete.

### Course Evaluation Criteria

Your score provides a percentage score and letter grade for each course. A passing percentage is 70% or higher.

There are a total of 1000 points in the course:

Topic	Assessment	Points	Learning Outcomes
<b>Intro</b>	Reflective Response: Introduction to Western Civilization	15	1, 2, 5, 6, 9
<b>5</b>	Mastery Check #1	150	1, 2, 5
<b>7</b>	Assignment: Virtual Field Trip and Artifact Analysis	250	3, 4, 6
<b>8</b>	Reflective Response: Religion and Western Civilization	15	1, 2, 5, 6, 9
<b>10</b>	Mastery Check #2	150	1, 5, 7, 9
<b>14</b>	Assignment: Primary Source Analysis	250	3, 4, 6
<b>15</b>	Reflective Response: Looking Back and Looking Forward	20	1, 2, 5, 6, 9
<b>15</b>	Mastery Check #3	150	1, 7, 8, 10
<b>Total</b>		<b>1000</b>	

### Course Roadmap *Graded items in **bold***

#### Intro | Introduction and Getting Started

##### Subtopics

- Welcome
- Academic Honesty

##### Assignments

- Welcome video
- Why Study History?

- Academic Honesty and Integrity Lesson
- Statement of Academic Honesty and Integrity (required)
- **Reflective Response: Introduction to Western Civilization**
- Writing Guidelines

## Topic 1 | The Roots of Western Civilization

### Subtopics

- Ancient Civilizations
- The Laws of Hammurabi
- The Old Testament

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 1 Reading Assignment: Chapter 1
- Lesson 1: Early Civilizations and the Ancient World
- Topic 1 Checkpoint
- Supplemental Videos

## Topic 2 | The Contest for Excellence

### Subtopics

- The Rise and Fall of Ancient Greece
- Athenian Democracy
- Greek Art and Culture
- Classical Greek Culture

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 2 Reading Assignment: Chapter 2
- Lesson 1: Ancient Greece
- Topic 2 Checkpoint

## Topic 3 | The Hellenistic World, 336–150 B.C.E.

### Subtopics

- The Rise of Macedonia
- The Hellenistic Age (323–30 BC)

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 3 Reading Assignment: Chapter 3
- Lesson 1: The Hellenistic World
- Topic 3 Checkpoint

## Topic 4 | The Rise of Rome, 753–265 B.C.E.

### Subtopics

### Assignments

- Early Roman History
- The Expansion Period
- From Republic to Empire

- eTextbook: Topic 4 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 4
- Lesson 1: The Rise of Rome
- Topic 4 Checkpoint
- Pathfinder: The Roots of Western Civilization

## Topic 5 | The Roman Empire, 31 B.C.E. - 410 C.E.

### Subtopics

- The Last Days of the Empire
- Christianity in Rome
- The Decline of Rome

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 5 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 5
- Lesson 1: Christianity and Rome
- Topic 5 Checkpoint
- **Mastery Check #1**

## Topic 6 | Western Kingdoms, Byzantium, and the Islamic World, ca. 376-1000

### Subtopics

- The Western World Divided
- The Medieval World

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 6 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 6
- Lesson 1: The Early Middle Ages
- Reading: Wilson: Pre-Islamic Arabia
- Supplemental Videos
- Topic 6 Checkpoint
- **Reflective Response: Studying Western Civilization**

## Topic 7 | The Early Middle Ages, c. 750-1000

### Subtopics

- The Birth of Islam
- Muslim Empires
- The Decline of Medieval Islam

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 7 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 7
- Lesson 1: Islam in the Medieval World
- Supplemental Video
- Topic 7 Checkpoint
- **Assignment: Virtual Field Trip and Artifact Analysis**

## Topic 8 | The High Middle Ages, 1000-1300

### Subtopics

- Feudalism
- The Rise of Centralized Monarchies

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 8 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 8
- Lesson 1: The Restoration of Order
- Lesson 1: The Crusades
- Topic 8 Checkpoint

## Topic 9 | The Late Middle Ages, c. 1300-1500

### Subtopics

- Capturing the Holy Land
- The Later Crusades

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 9 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 9
- Lesson 1: The Late Middle Ages
- Topic 9 Checkpoint
- Pathfinder: The Shaping of Medieval Europe

## Topic 10 | The Renaissance, c. 1300-1640

### Subtopics

- Proclamation of Papal Supremacy
- The Conciliar Movement
- The Black Death

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 10 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 10
- Lesson 1: Renaissance
- Reading: Wilson: 450-1750  
Renaissance and Reformation
- Topic 10 Checkpoint
- **Mastery Check #2**

## Topic 11 | Religious Reform and Warfare, 1500-1648

### Subtopics

- The Italian Renaissance
- Politics in Italy
- The Northern Renaissance

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 11 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 11
- Lesson 1: The Reformation of the Church
- Topic 11 Checkpoint

- Reflective Response: Religion and Western Civilization

## Topic 12 | European Expansion 1450-1700

### Subtopics

- Martin Luther and the early Protestant Reformation
- Piety, Protest, and Politics
- The Catholic Counter-Reformation

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 12 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 12
- Lesson 1: The New World
- Reading: Wilson: Global Networks of Exchange in the 1600s
- Topic 12 Checkpoint

## Topic 13 | Europe's Social and Political Order, 1600-1715

### Subtopics

- The Search for the New World
- The New World Discovered
- Conquest of the New World

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 13 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 13
- Topic 13 Checkpoint
- Pathfinder: From Renaissance to Modernity

## Topic 14 | The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, 1600-1800

### Subtopics

- The Wars of Religion
- Absolutism in France
- The Power of the English Parliament
- The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment

### Assignments

- eTextbook: Topic 14 Reading  
Assignment: Chapter 14
- Lesson 1: The Age of Revolution
- Topic 14 Checkpoint
- **Assignment: Primary Source Analysis**

## Topic 15 | Review and Wrap Up

### Subtopics

- Review

### Assignments

- Lesson 1: Review
- **Reflective Response: Looking Back and Looking Forward**

- **Mastery Check #3**
- End of Course Survey

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## Related Courses

**USHIST101: United  
States History I**

**MAT101: College  
Algebra**

**REL101:  
Introduction to  
Religious Studies**