

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2022	Instructor Name:	Bradford Wright, Ph.D.
Course Title & #:	HIST 111: "Modern Western Civilization"	Email:	bradford.wright@imperial.edu
CRN #:	20280	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	Asynchronous Online	Office #:	301
Class Dates:	Feb. 14-June 10	Office Hours:	Office Hours online by email: M: 11:00-1:00; T: 11:00-12:00; W: 11:30-12:00; TR:11:30-12:00
Class Days:	Mondays through Thursdays	Office Phone #:	760-355-6597
Class Times:	Asynchronous online	Emergency Contact:	760-355-6144
Units:	3.0	Class Format:	Asynchronous online

Course Description

This course is a survey of the major developments in the Western heritage from the 17th century to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the political, economic, cultural, social and intellectual changes and developments in Western society which have led to our modern global society. May be taken before HIST 110.(CSU,UC)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film. (IL01)
2. Describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event in Modern Western Civilization. (ILO1, ILO2)
3. Explain the significance of a historical text in Modern Western Civilization by the end of the course. (IL01, IL02, IL05)

Course Objectives



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Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to: 1. That the 17th and 18th centuries constitute a period marked by political, social and intellectual developments that paved the way for revolutionary changes in European society and politics. 2. That the ideals of the French Revolution brought about significant political, economic and social changes which affected not only France but the rest of Europe as well. 3. That the revolutionary era had bequeathed to Europe an intensified spirit of nationalism and liberalism which sometimes worked in harmony and sometimes in opposition. 4. That the relatively calm decades after 1871 were actually marked by political, social and economic forces which aggravated old problems and created new ones culminating in the outbreak of war. 5. That the outbreak of war in 1914 marked the opening of a new and unsettled era leading to political, social and economic instability and the uneasy search for security leading to World War II. 6. That World War II witnessed the development of a new global balance of power which weakened European influence in world affairs and left the U.S. and the Soviet Union the leaders of two great opposing social and political systems. 7. That the Revolutions of 1989 and the formation of the European Union realigned Europe and it placed it in a unique position in world affairs of the 21st Century.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

The following textbook is **required** for the course:

Clifford R. Backman, *Cultures of the West: A History, vol. 2*, 3rd ed. ISBN: 978-0190070434.

It is available through the IVC Bookstore.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Attend class by logging into Canvas daily, Mondays through Thursdays. Read assignments in textbook, read and view written and/or video lectures, and view required videos through links provided. Participate in weekly discussions, complete written assignments, quizzes, and exams by the dates due.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Final grades will be determined according to accumulated points for each discussion, assignment, quiz, and exam. These will all be available on Canvas.

Weekly Discussion Questions and Participation (20 points per each set of Discussion questions; usually two sets per week)

Chapter Quizzes (20 points each quiz; usually one quiz per week)

Exam 1 (200 points)

Exam 2: (200 points)

Exam 3: (200 points)

Discussions: Each week, students will be given a selection of discussion questions to respond to. Students will also be required to respond to at least two posts from their classmates. Each set of Discussion questions/responses will be graded. Discussion grades will reflect the quality and depth of each student's weekly participation in discussions.

Quizzes: Weekly multiple-choice quizzes to be completed online, based on material in the required textbook.

Exams will consist of essay questions to be completed by the day of the scheduled exam.

Each assignment, quiz, and exam must be completed by the end of the day (11:59 pm) of the due date. No extensions, make-ups, or re-takes will be allowed.

Course Policies

ATTENDANCE:

- Students are required to log into Canvas and review course materials, announcements, and complete any required assignments each day of the class week, Monday through Thursday.
- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.



- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Other Course Information

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 Feb. 14-17	Introductions and Getting Started Consolidating Modern States, 1648-1750	Read Backman, Chapter 15
Week 2 Feb. 21-24	The Enlightenment and the French Revolution, 1690-1799	Read Backman, Chapters 16 and 17
Week 3 Feb. 28-March 3	The Napoleonic Wars and the Industrial Revolution, 1800-1850	Read Backman, Chapter 18
Week 4 March 7-10	The Birth of Modern Politics, 1815-1848	Read Backman, Chapter 19
Week 5 March 14-17	Nationalism and Romanticism, 1815-1848	Read Backman, Chapter 20
Week 6 March 21-24	The Rise of Nation-States, 1850-1900	
Week 7 March 28-31	Modern Society and Modern Thought, 1860-1914	Exam 1: Due March 28 Read Backman, Chapters 21 and 22
Week 8 April 4-7	Industry and Imperialism, 1850-1914	Read Backman, Chapter 23



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Week 9 April 11-14	World War I and Versailles, 1914-1919	Read Backman, Chapter 24
Spring Break April 18-21	NO CLASS	
Week 10 April 25-28	The Russian Revolution and Stalin, 1917-1939	
Week 11 May 2-5	Fascism, Hitler, and Nazi Germany, 1919-1939	Exam 2: Due May 2 Read Backman, Chapter 25
Week 12 May 9-12	World War II and the Holocaust, 1939-1945	Read Backman, Chapter 26
Week 13 May 16-19	Post-War Europe and the Cold War, 1945-1968	Read Backman, Chapter 27
Week 14 May 23-26	The New Europe Emerges, 1960-1988	Read Backman, Chapter 28
Week 15 May 30-June 2	European Union and 21 st Century Challenges, 1989-present	Read Backman, Chapter 29
Week 16 June 6-9	Finals Week	Final Exam: Due June 9

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****