

Wayland Mission Statement

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Contact Information

Course: HIST 1301 HI01 – Western Civilization to 1648

Campus: Hawaii Campus

Term/Session: Fall 2, 2024 (Oct 14 – Dec 14, 2024)

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Class Meeting Time and Location: Thursdays, Hickam AFB, 5:30 – 8:15 pm (hybrid class)

Course Information

Catalog Description: Major religious, political, economic, and social development in the west from ancient times through the 17th century.

There is no prerequisite for this course.

Textbook Information

Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials:

1. *The West in the World: A History of Western Civilization*

Authors: Sherman/Salisbury | Publisher: McGraw-Hill (2014) | ISBN# 9780073407036

*The textbook for this course is part of the **Wayland's Automatic eBook** program. You will have access to an eBook and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. The cost of this Automatic eBook will be billed directly to your student account when you register for the course. You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If you do not wish to participate in the Automatic eBook program, you will have the first 12 days of class to opt-out of the program (additional details will be outlined in your email instructions). For more information on the Automatic eBook program, visit the Wayland Bookstore [Automatic eBook FAQ](#) page.*

Optional Materials: N/A

Course Outcome Competencies: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Locate major features of the geography of the ancient Near East and Europe
- Detail the growth and development of the earliest civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Mediterranean
- Describe the emergence of major world religions and philosophies including Judaism, Islam, and Christianity
- Trace the development and historical events of Ancient and Classical Greece and Rome
- Define Feudalism and describe the historic events of the Middle Ages
- Explain the impact of the Renaissance and Reformation

Attendance Requirements

(School Policy) Students enrolled at one of the university's external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the external campus executive director/dean. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university's attendance policy. A student may petition the Academic Council for exceptions to the above stated policies by filing a written request for an appeal to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

(WBU Hawaii Addendum) Students who miss the first-class meeting without providing a written explanation to the instructor will be automatically dropped from the roster as a "no-show." Students who know in advance that they will be absent from the first-class meeting and who wish to remain in the class must inform the instructor to discuss possible arrangements for making up absences.

University Policies

[Link to Statement on Academic Integrity , and reference one of the following in regard to how generative artificial intelligence \(GAI\) such as ChatGPT may or may not be used in this course:](#)

- a. Generative AI tools permitted in specific context and with proper citations.
 - i. Students are allowed to use, reference, or incorporate generative AI tools into specific assignments for this course. When used, students must properly cite the generative AI tool in their submitted work.
 - ii. While there is no true substitute for direct help and instruction for your instructor, students may be allowed to use generative AI tools to provide further explanations of course content, readings, and other assignments. Any use of generative AI tools to help further explain or translate to content must be properly referenced and cited.
 - iii. Specific parameters for generative AI usage are provided by the instructor.

Disability Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests (office (806) 291-1057. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Accessibility issues with content in WBUonline courses or in Blackboard should be addressed to the WBU accessibility coordinator, Dr. Rick Hammer, hammerr@wbu.edu or call (806) 292-9150.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

Attendance & Participation	10%
Blackboard Discussion Average	20%
Reading Guide Average	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term, within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student's control. A grade of "incomplete" is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Student Grade Appeals: Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

Tentative Schedule

<u>Weeks & Dates</u>	<u>Classroom Work</u>	<u>Homework Due by Next Meeting</u>
Week 1 October 17 th	Introductions/Syllabus	Read Chapters 1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Guide #1 • Bb #1 Initial Response
Week 2 October 24 th	Greece & Hellenism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch Documentary 	Read Chapters 4 & 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Guide #2 • Bb #1 Classmate Responses
Week 3 October 31 st	Roman Empire **NO CLASSROOM MTG** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch Documentary 	Read Chapter 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for Midterm Exam
Week 4 November 7 th	The Divided Empire & Islam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm Exam 	Read Chapters 7 & 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Guide #3 • Bb #2 Initial Response
Week 5 November 14 th	Early Middle Ages High Middle Ages	Read Chapters 9 & 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Guide #4 • Bb #2 Classmate Responses
Week 6 November 21 st	Late Middle Ages Renaissance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch Documentary 	Read Chapters 11 & 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Guide #5 • Bb #3 Initial Response
	THANKGIVING BREAK	
Week 7 December 5 th	Religious Reform European Expansion	Read Chapter 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bb #3 Classmate Responses • Study for Final Exam
Week 8 December 12 th	Europe's Social/Political Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exam 	

*** Professor reserves the right to alter this schedule as needed ***

Additional Information

Blackboard Discussions: Our discussions will be two weeks long. In the first week, students will fully answer the discussion question(s) using scholarly resource support and critical thinking. It must be a comprehensive response adding value to the discussion and demonstrating application of the principles being discussed (represented on the schedule as "Initial Response"). In the second week, you must respond to at least two classmates in a substantive manner, which should demonstrate scholarship and critical analysis. Use outside sources to substantiate your assertions (represented on the schedule as "Classmate Responses"). The more times you respond to classmates, and the more comprehensively you respond will increase your grade for the discussion. Your average for all of these will be multiplied by the 20% of your grade, so if you don't participate in the discussions, it will bring your average down.

Reading Guides: Reading guides are what the professor uses to ensure the reading assignments are completed. The responses to the reading guide questions will come out of the assigned chapters and any supplementary videos for the week covered by the guide. Like the discussions, your average for all of these will be multiplied by the 20% of your grade, so if you don't complete your reading guides, it will bring your average down.

Exams: Students will complete two exams for this class. Both exams will be primarily multiple-choice question tests with a few "list and discuss" questions. I generally offer some extra-credit questions in the multiple-choice area of the exam. All exam questions will be taken from the reading guides and in-class discussions. Study guides will be available in blackboard. Each exam is worth a quarter of your grade (25% per exam).