

History 100.19—History of Western Civilization

Lecture Hall 2—Tuesday 4:30-7:10

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9:30-10:30 MW

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What is “the West”? And what is its absolutely essential counterpart, the “East”? This course examines the development of the west in relation to its counterparts from the Greeks to the Cold War. We’ll examine how the “West” has defined itself by, fought with, traded with, hated and loved the “East,” remembering always that there are both multiple “West”s and multiple “East”s.” The course also sharpens critical and analytic skills through discussion of primary sources and writing. Attendance, 20%, Three 4-5 page papers, 20% each, Final 20%.

August 28 Intro to Course/The Greeks and the East

Read Pavlac, chapters 1-3

September 4 Greeks and Persians

Discussion: <http://homepage.usask.ca/~jrp638/DeptTransls/Hdt.html>

Read Pavlac, 4

September 11 The Hellenistic period

Discussion: Plutarch

September 18 The Romans

Discussion: <http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/horace/ig/The-Odes-of-Horace-/Horace-Ode-I-37.htm>

Read Pavlac, 5

September 25 The Rise of Christianity **First Paper Due**

Read Pavlac, 6

October 2 After Rome

Discussion: <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/496clovis.asp>

Read Pavlac, 7

October 9—NO CLASS

October 16 The Early Middle Ages

<http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/pauldeacon-gregla.asp>

<http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/gelasius1.asp>

October 23 The Later Middle Ages

Discussion: Joinville

Read Pavlac, 8

October 30 The Renaissance

Discussion: Villehardouin

Read Pavlac, 9

November 6 The Early Modern Period **Second Paper Due**

Discussion: <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1543xavier1.asp>

Read Pavlac, 10

November 13 The Enlightenment

Discussion: <http://history.hanover.edu/texts/voltaire/volmoham.html>

<http://history.hanover.edu/texts/voltaire/volbrahm.html>

<http://history.hanover.edu/texts/voltaire/volezour.html>

November 20 The Age of Empire

Read Pavlac, 11

November 27 Communism

Discussion: Fleming

Read Pavlac, 12-13

December 4 Modern Times **Third Paper Due**

Read Pavlac, 14-15

Books:

Pavlac, *A Concise Survey of Western Civilization* (Rowman and Littlefield)

Plutarch, *Alexander* (Modern Library)

Joinville and Villehardouin, *Chronicles of the Crusades* (Penguin)

Fleming, *From Russia with Love*