

THE RISE OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION
History 101-090

Instructor: Earl Davis

Course description: History 101 is an introduction to the history of Europe from the beginning of the ancient period to the eve of the Enlightenment. Course activities provide opportunities to learn some history, to learn how to learn more about history, to think critically about history, and to develop the learning skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Required books:

Text: Lynn Hunt, *The Making of the West*, Vol. I

Readings: Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*
The Song of Roland
Erasmus, *The Praise of Folly*

Course requirements: Mid-term exam and final exam on lectures and text assignments, writing assignment and discussions related to the readings, class participation, and map tests.

Final grade computation: Mid-term exam 30 percent, final exam 30 percent, writing assignment 20 percent, class participation 20 percent. The map tests will raise or lower the final grade.

Exams will consist of essay questions and terms for identification.

Attendance: The final course grade will be lowered by two points for each unexcused absence, late arrival, and early departure. Excuses must include documentation from the Dean.

Makeup tests: These will be more difficult than the regular tests.

Late assignments: These will suffer a ten-point penalty for each class day late. No excuses.

Student participation: Student questions and participation in class discussions are encouraged and will have a positive effect on grades. No eating, drinking, smoking, chewing, yexing, and so forth, in class.

The Department of History has unanimously adopted the following policy: “The Honor Code of the College of specifically forbids cheating, attempted cheating, and plagiarism. A student found guilty of these offenses will receive a failing grade in the course.

Additional penalties may include suspension or expulsion from the College at the discretion of the Honor Board. See the *College of Charleston Student Handbook* for definitions of these terms.”

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Schedule

Mid-term exam: R 9 October

Writing assignment due: R 30 October

Discussion: R 4 December

Final Exam:

Lecture topics/Text

Prehistory, Early Civilizations/Chap. 1

Ancient Greece/Chap. 2

Hellenistic Age/Chap. 3

Ancient Rome/Chaps. 4-6

Early Christianity/Chap. 6

Early Middle Ages/Chaps. 7-8

High Middle Ages/Chap. 9

Rise of the Nation-States/Chaps. 10-11

Renaissance Lit. and Art/Chap. 11

Reformation/Chap. 12

Exploration and Discovery, Foreign Threats

Politics, 1600-1715/Chaps. 13-14

Scientific Revolution