Department of History  
University of Manitoba

HIST 1350 w  
An Introduction to the History of Western Civilization to 1500 (3)  
Section A01  
Winter 2020  
Lectures: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-9:20 a.m.  
Room TBA

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Course Description: This course is intended to introduce students to the broad themes and issues in the history of the Western world from the earliest civilizations to 1500. Through lectures, readings, and discussions students will examine historical changes in political, social, economic and cultural relationships and their role in shaping and informing the modern world. Students will also be introduced to the complexities of history and the relevance of historical understanding in explaining the modern world. Assignments will help students to develop critical thinking and analysis, research and writing skills.

Texts: The readings assigned are an essential component of this course. Students are responsible on examinations for all material covered in the assigned readings as well as lectures. All of the required books are available at the University Student Bookstore.

Required Books:
Hunt, Martin, Rosenwein, Smith, The Making of the West, 6th Ed. (Bedford St. Martin, 2019)
Homer, The Odyssey

Evaluation and Assignments:
Two in-class Tests, Worth 20% of Course Mark
First in-class test on 7 February 2020, worth 10% of Course Mark
Second in-class test on 16 March 2020, worth 10% of Course Mark
One 1500 word (6 pages) Document Analysis Assignment, Due 28 February 2020, Worth 20% of Course Mark
One Research Proposal and Bibliography, Due 13 March 2020, Worth 10% of Course Mark
One 1500 word (6 pages) Research Paper Due 6 April 2020, Worth 20% of Course Mark
One Final Examination During University Final Exam Period, Worth 30% of Course Mark
Students are expected to complete assignments on time, and extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Late papers will be deducted 2 points for every business day after the assigned deadline.

The Voluntary Withdrawal Date for this course is **18 March 2020**. ~30% of your course mark will be provided before that date. In-class exams consist of short answer questions and an essay question. The Final Exam will follow the model of earlier in-class exams. Content and format of the exams will be thoroughly discussed in class prior to the test. Since this is a course that meets the University Senate’s W requirement, students must complete their 2 essay assignments with a passing grade to pass the course.

Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them. Uncollected term work will become the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.

**Grade Distribution:**

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**Academic Honesty:** The University of Manitoba takes a very serious view of academic misconduct, which includes cheating on examinations, plagiarism, misrepresentation, submitting purchased or borrowed papers, and/or submitting the same material in two different courses. Submitted work in this course should be done independently. Students should familiarize themselves with the University’s policies on academic dishonesty found in the section on “Academic Integrity” in General Academic Regulations of the online UManitoba Catalog [here](http://crscalprod1.cc.umanitoba.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx). Faculty of Arts penalties for academic dishonesty include the following, which can be found at [here](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.html):

- The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is a grade of F on the paper and a final grade of F (DISC) (for disciplinary action) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five (5) years from registration in courses taught in a particular department/program in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism or to other experts for authentication.

- The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (DISC) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department or program in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty.
Lecture and Reading Schedule:

Week 1:  
3 January 2020  
Lectures: Introduction and Prehistory  
Readings: Begin reading the *Odyssey*

Week 2:  
6-10 January  
Lectures: Ancient Mesopotamia  
Ancient Egypt  
Israel and the Near East  
Readings: Hunt Textbook, chapter 1  
Lualdi Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapt.1

Week 3:  
13-17 January  
Lectures: Minoan and Mycenaean Greece  
Homer and Hesiod  
Politics, Law, Justice and Social Life in the Greek Polis, 750-500 B.C.E.  
Readings: Hunt Textbook, Chapter 2  
Finish the *Odyssey*.

Week 4:  
20-24 January  
Lectures: Persian and Peloponnesian Wars  
Poetry, Arts and Ideas in Classical Greece, 500-338 B.C.E.  
Hellenistic Expansion  
Readings: Hunt Textbook, Chapters 3-4  
Lualdi Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapter 3.

Week 5:  
27-31 January  
Lectures: Hellenistic Social, Cultural and Intellectual Life  
The Roman Republic  
Readings: Hunt Textbook, Chapters 5  
Lualdi Document Reader Chapter 4

Week 6:  
3-7 February  
Lectures: Fall of the Republic and the Augustan Settlement  
Social and Cultural Life Under Pax Romana  
**First In-Class Test, 7 February 10% of Course Mark**  
Readings: Hunt Textbook, Chapter 6  
Lualdi Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapters 5-6

Week 7:  
10-14 February  
Lectures: Paganism, Judaism and Christianity  
Decline of the Western Roman Empire  
Lualdi, Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapter 7

No Classes 17-21 February, Reading Week.
| Week 8:  | Lectures: | The Byzantine East  
|         |          | Life in the Early Middle Ages in Western Europe  
|         |          | Islam and Islamic Civilization  
| Readings: |          | Hunt Textbook, Chapter 8.  
|          |          | Lualdi, Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapter 8  
| Assignments: | 28 February 2020, Document Analysis Due, 20% of Course Mark  |

| Week 9:  | Lectures: | The Franks and Charlemagne  
|         |          | Feudalism and the Social Order in the High Middle Ages  
|         |          | Monasticism and Religious Thought in the High Middle Ages  
| Readings: |          | Hunt Text, Chapter 9  
|          |          | Lualdi, Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapter 9  
| Assignments: | 13 March Research Proposal and Bibliography Due, 10% of Course Mark.  |

| Week 9:  | Lectures: | The Crusades  
|         |          | Cities and Trade in the High Middle Ages  
|         |          | Social and Cultural Life in the High Middle Ages  
| Readings: |          | Hunt Text, Chapter 10  
| Assignments: | 13 March Reading Proposal and Bibliography Due, 10% of Course Mark.  |

| Week 10: | Lectures: | 16 March, In Class Test, 10% of Course Mark  
|         |          | The Church and State in the High Middle Ages  
|         |          | The Crisis of the Fourteenth Century, Part I  
| Readings: |          | Hunt Textbook, Chapters 11-12  
|          |          | Lualdi Document Reader, Vol.1, Chapters 11-12  

| Week 11: | Lectures: | The Crisis of the Fourteenth Century, Parts II & III  
|         |          | The Italian Renaissance  
| Readings: |          | Hunt Textbook, Chapter 13  
|          |          | Lualdi Document Reader, Vol.1, 13  

| Week 12  | Lectures: | Italian Humanism and the Renaissance  
|          |          | European Contact, Conquest and Empire  
| Readings: |          | None  

| Week 13  | Lectures: | Review Session  
| Assignments: | 6 April 2020, Research Paper Due, 20% of Course Mark  |

Final Exam in University Exam Period  
Worth 30% of Course Mark
Student Resources

Academic Resources
You have access to several important resources to help you navigate your classes and university life more generally. There are writing tutors available to help you with your essays through the Academic Learning Centre (ALC): http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/. The History department will also make a writing tutor available exclusively to History students in the department on one day a week. More information about scheduling, etc., TBA.

The ALC page also has resources to help you with study skills, organization, as well as assistance for students using English as an Additional Language (EAL). Other issues, including accessibility services, workshops, and tips about academic integrity are addressed at the Student Advocacy Services webpage (http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/).

All of the above services can also be accessed under the heading of Student Resources on the Student Affairs website: http://umanitoba.ca/student/studentlife/index.html.

History students can also take advantage of the huge range of academic materials (including primary and secondary sources, as well as pages to help with writing and referencing) made available by the History subject librarian, tailored just for you! They are available on the Libraries page at this link: http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/history. Students who need research assistance can also schedule an appointment with a librarian through the website.

Student Counseling Centre
Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as counseling. http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html

Student Support Case Management
Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don’t know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team.

University Health Service
Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation. http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/

Student Advocacy
Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns. http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy

UM History Student Association (UMHiSA)
UMHiSA is a history undergraduate student run organization that seeks to establish a sense of community for students studying all facets of history, and provide support for them in their academic career. Students interested in fun times, spirited debate, new opportunities, a community of like-minded students, or all of the above, check out UMHiSA on our Instagram account www.instagram.com/umhisa_undergrad/ or by emailing umhisau@gmail.com.