

Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East Through 1648 ACE

8 Modules + 1 Final Exam Module / Credit-by-Course / 3 Credits

Course Description:

This course provides a comprehensive overview of core concepts in Western Civilization through around 1648, although we will go past 1648 in some areas to understand topics and transitions. Emphasis is placed on The Roots of Western Civilization: The Ancient Middle East to the Sixth Century B.C.E.; The Contest for Excellence: Greece, 2000-338 B.C.E.; The Poleis Become Cosmopolitan: The Hellenistic World, 336-150 B.C.E.; Pride in Family and City: Rome from Its Origins Through the Republic, 753-44 B.C.E.; Territorial and Christian Empires: The Roman Empire, 31 B.C.E. to 410 C.E.; A World Divided: Western Kingdoms, Byzantium, and the Islamic World, ca. 376-1000; The Struggle to Bring Order: The Early Middle Ages, ca. 750-1000; Order Restored: The High Middle Ages, 1000-1300; The West Struggles and Eastern Empires Flourish: The Late Middle Ages, ca. 1300-1500; A New Spirit in the West: The Renaissance, ca. 1300-1640; "Alone Before God": Religious Reform and Warfare 1500-1648; Faith, Fortune, and Fame: European Expansion, 1450-1700; The Struggle for Survival and Sovereignty: Europe's Social and Political Order, 1600-1715; and A New World of Reason and Reform: The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, 1600-1800. Students will be given a basic understanding of world events, and students will be able to analyze political, religious, and cultural developments in early western civilization.

Course Objectives:

After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Interpret important factual knowledge of developments in Western Civilization.
- Compare and contrast the causes and effects of major historical events.
- Interpret key events, individuals, and ideas throughout the locations, societies, and times studied.
- Recognize religious, cultural, and technical developments in various civilizations.
- Compare and contrast the political evolution of various civilizations.
- Identify the links between events and actions that extend throughout the timeline.
- Apply the relationship between the West and wider world.

E-Book:

Title: The West in the World: A History of Western Civilization, 5th edition by Sherman, Dennis, Salisbury, Joyce, McGraw-Hill Education.

Open Educational Resources (OER's)

If you are struggling with a term or concept, you can utilize the links below to search for the concept or term to find additional resources and explanations.

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Modern States: Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648

(<https://modernstates.org/course/western-civilization-i-ancient-near-east-to-1648/>)

Open Textbook Library - Western Civilization: A Concise History Volume 1

(<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/western-civilization-a-concise-history-volume-1>)

Open Textbook Library - Western Civilization: A Concise History Volume 2

(<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/western-civilization-a-concise-history-volume-2>)

Ancient World Mapping Center (<https://awmc.unc.edu/>)

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