Class Time
2–3.15pm Tuesday & Thursday

Course Objectives

- To study the development of civilization from earliest times to the end of the middle ages.
- To become acquainted with some of the principal texts of the Western canon and their historical contexts.
- To develop skills in critical thinking and written and verbal communication.

Required Texts


Grading & Evaluation

As usual, 90%+ = A; 80–89% = B; 70–79% = C; 60–69% = D; 0–59% = F.

1. First Midterm Exam (Sixth Week: **Thursday 30th September**);
2. Second Midterm Exam (Eleventh Week: **Thursday 4th November**);
3. Final (Cumulative) Exam (**Thursday 16th December, 3.30–5.30pm**)—the date of this exam has already been fixed and cannot be changed;
4. Contribution to the class (including, but not limited to, grades for quizzes and class presentations);
5. 3000 Word Essay (Due Fourteenth Week: **Tuesday 23rd November**)

will each contribute one fifth to the overall grade.
Course Regulations

- Any form of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of F for the course. You are responsible for knowing all Florida Tech policies on academic dishonesty (see www.fit.edu/current/plagiarism.pdf).
- Essays to be word processed, with a full bibliography, and to be submitted in paper and electronic form. Late essay submissions will be penalized by one letter grade. Essays late by more than one class session will receive a grade of 0.
- Students are expected to attend all classes.
- All cell phones (including text messaging), personal stereos, &c to be switched off during classes and exams.

Course Outline

Dates indicate the class in which each text will be discussed—and the point by which you should have read it!

1 WEEKS 1–3: Origins
   - Western Civ.: Chp 1, 2, 3 & 4§1
8/31 Norton: The Epic of Gilgamesh
9/2 Norton: Genesis
9/7,9 Norton: Homer: The Odyssey (Extracts)

2 WEEKS 4–5: Ancient Greek Literature
   - Western Civ.: Chp 4
9/14 Norton: Sappho
9/16 Norton: Sophocles: Oedipus Rex
9/23 Norton: Aristophanes: Lysistrata

3 WEEK 6: First Midterm Exam

4 WEEKS 7–10: Ancient Greek Science and Philosophy
   - Western Civ.: Chp 5
10/5 Handout: Zeno of Elea
10/7 Norton: Plato: The Apology of Socrates
10/12,19,21 Republic: Plato: Republic (Extracts)
10/26 Norton: Aristotle: Poetics
10/28 Handout: Euclid: Elements (Extracts)

5 WEEK 11: Second Midterm Exam

6 WEEKS 12–13: The Roman World
   - Western Civ.: Chp 6 & 7
11/9 Norton: Catullus
11/9 Norton: Petronius: The Satyricon
11/16 Norton: Augustine: Confessions

7 WEEKS 14–16: The Middle Ages
   - Western Civ.: Chp 8, 9, 10 & 11
11/18 Norton: Beowulf
11/23,30 Norton: Dante: Inferno (Extracts)
12/2 Handout: Mediaeval Philosophy
12/7 Norton: Chaucer (Extracts)