

NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HIS101, History of Western Civilization I, Section 014N

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Thursday, 7:30-10:20 PM

Room CN-0126

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Contacting the instructor: I teach at three different colleges so I am sometimes hard to reach. However, my commitment to you is to return any call or email within 24 hours of becoming aware of it. My preferred methods for you to contact me are as follows (1) leave a phone message for me at 703-978-5863, (2) email me at rhill@gmu.edu, and (3) via Blackboard which you can access via My NVCC. If you use the email address be sure to include HIS101 in the title, otherwise I might not open it. Messages left at the NVCC Adjunct Office will probably not be picked up until the day of class.

Course Information

Course Description: Examines the development of western civilization from ancient times to the 17th century.

Skills Required: In order to gain the most from this course, you must to be able to write and speak clearly. You also need to be able to think critically, process new information, and integrate the knowledge you have gained into that which you already know. In addition, you will need basic computer skills involving word-processing, internet research, and the ability to use the Blackboard learning management system and send and receive email.

Course Objectives: At the completion of the course students will:

Demonstrate that they have gained an understanding of the basic factual material covered in Western Civilization I;

Identify foundational developments that helped shape Western society during the period;

Describe the primary ideas and values displayed in the development of Western Civilization from Antiquity through the Early Modern Era;

Demonstrate an understanding of the prominent economic, political, cultural, and social characteristics of the period; and

Demonstrate improved analytical and communications skills..

Course Materials.1. Required textbook: Brian Levack, Edward Muir, Michael Maas and Meridith Veldman. *The West; Encounters & Transformations*, Volume I, Pearson Longman, 2007. (Listed as LMM&E in assignments.)

2. The course Blackboard website.

3. The course textbook web site.

Course Key Elements.1. Graded course elements include:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Maximum Possible Points</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Quizzes & other work in class	100	10%
Class Participation	200	20%
Mid Term Examination	200	20%
Project	200	20%
<u>Final Examination</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>30%</u>
TOTAL	1000	100%

2. Quizzes and in-class assignments

3. Class participation will cover student contribution to classroom discussion and to any

Blackboard discussions.

4. The mid term examination will cover the first half of the course and will consist will consist of several parts. One will be a multiple choice and short identification portion and will be given during the scheduled examination date. The second part will be essay questions which will be provided in advance and due at the end of the examination period.
5. There will be several projects worth which will involve out-of-class research, analysis and writing. The instructor will provide more information later in the course.
6. The final examination will consist of two parts. The multiple choice and short essay portion will cover the material covered since the midterm examination. The second part will be essay questions which will cover the whole course and which be provided in advance of the test and will be due at the end of the examination period.

NVCC POLICIES & Course Rules

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Class attendance is a necessary part of a sound learning program.

1. ***Any students missing the first four class meetings of the semester will be automatically withdrawn by the instructor and receive a "W" grade.***
2. ***Students who miss six class meetings before March 30 will be automatically withdrawn and will receive a "W" grade.***
3. ***Students who miss eight class meetings after March 30 will be automatically withdrawn by the instructor and will receive an "F" grade.***

Rules.

1. **Most of us have busy schedules, but you should not be enrolled in the course if you cannot attend on a regular basis. Attendance issues are best dealt with before they get out of hand. Talk to the instructor as soon as you think you have a problem.**
2. **Classes will begin at the scheduled time. If you are late, please be considerate of others.**
3. **Attendance credit requires both your mind and body be present at the same time. If you provide evidence that you are not focused, such as sleeping in class or having a cell phone or other electronic device that is turned on, you may be marked absent.**

In case of instructor absence at the scheduled starting time for the class, students should contact the Adjunct Instructor's Office in room CT-232 for information. If after 30 minutes the instructor has