

Department of History, University of Manitoba  
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**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION**  
**Class HIST 1350 (A02)**

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Time: Tu + Th, 1:00 -2:15 pm

**Course Description**

This course is an introductory survey of the history of the Western world from the civilizations of the ancient Middle East and classical Antiquity through the European Middle Ages to the beginning of the early modern period in Europe. Emphasis will be placed on how ideas, concepts, and political, economic, and social structures came into being that today shape societies around the globe. We will discuss key developments in each epoch, and we will examine a wide variety of original documents. The objective of this course is to gain a better understanding of how the world we live in has come into being. Moreover, the class is designed to improve your skills in locating scholarly literature in the library system and in closely reading and analysing text. We will practise the latter by examining a wide variety of original documents.

**Course Format and Delivery**

Due to the current pandemic, this course will be delivered remotely via the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform. Classes will be held synchronously - in real time - Tu + Th, 1:00 -2:15 pm. During class time, I will be lecturing on Zoom, we will have discussions with the entire class, and you will break up into small groups for discussions. We will also watch segments of films together and occasionally engage in other activities. All students will have to observe the Department Rules of Online Etiquette.

**Equipment and Accessibility**

As this class is delivered online, access to the internet via a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone is required. If you have challenges connecting to the internet at sufficient capacity during class time, please be in touch with me as soon as you can, and I will try to accommodate you. If you are registered with Student Accessibility, I will also do my best to accommodate you. And for everyone's information, all classes will be recorded and can be made available to students with documented need. The Zoom link, meeting ID, and password will be posted at the UM Learn course website and I will send it to all registered students a few days before classes begin.

**Class-Communication**

In the weeks in which classes are in session, I will be holding office hours on the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform, on Tuesday, 9-10 am, and Thursday, 4-5 pm, and I will be available at other times by appointment. The Zoom password for the term will be posted on the UM Learn course website. Also, all course communication, posting of class notes and other class materials, and submission of completed assignments as well as feedback will be conducted through UM Learn and through email sent to your myumanitoba address. You are expected to check your email daily!

### Required Texts

- L. Hunt et al., *The Making of the West* (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> edition),
- K. Lualdi, *Sources of the Making of the West*, (6th edition), vol. 1, to 1750.

These texts are available in the UofM bookstore as one package, containing the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of both the textbook (Hunt) and of the source collection (Lualdi). Students are welcome to use earlier editions of the textbook, but they are urged to use the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the source collection and not earlier ones.

### Required Readings

Chapter assignments in the Hunt textbook, assigned texts in the Lualdi source collection, and handouts that will be posted on UMLearn.

### Writing Requirements

Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, students must complete both essay assignments with a passing grade and they must write a total of 3,000 words in order to pass the course.

Evaluative feedback on the first written assignment will be provided prior to the voluntary withdrawal date (November 23, 2020).

### Method of Evaluation and Assignments

	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Percentage of Final Grade</u>
Map test	Oct. 1	5
Document analysis (6 - 8 pages, or 1,500-2,000 words)	Oct. 22	30
Library assignment	Nov. 10	5
Bibliographical Essay (6 - 8 pages, or 1,500-2,000 words)	Nov. 30	30
Final Examination	Scheduled by Registrar's Office	30

Handouts with information on all assignments will be posted on UM Learn. Likewise, questions and essay topics on the final examination will be selected from review topics posted on UM Learn, by the end of classes.

### Grade Distribution

A+	96 - 100%	C+	66 - 70 %
A	86 - 95 %	C	56 - 65 %
B+	81 - 85 %	D	50 - 55 %
B	71 - 80 %	F	0 - 49 %

### **In Case of Illness**

Students who are unable to meet a course requirement due to medical circumstances are currently not required to submit medical notes. However, students are required to contact their instructor or academic advisor by email to inform of the missed work and to make arrangements for extensions, deferrals, or make-up assignments. Please follow these guidelines if you are unable to meet an academic requirement for your courses.

- Contact your instructor for term work such as a class, quiz, midterm/test, assignment, lab;
- Contact an advisor in your faculty/college/school of registration for a missed final exam (scheduled in the final examination period);
- Inform your instructor/advisor as soon as possible do not delay. Note for final exams, students must contact within 48 hours of the date of the final exam; and
- Email your instructor/advisor from a U of M email address, and include your full name, student number, course number, and academic work that was missed.

### **Late Assignments and Missed Final Exam**

Late assignments will be accepted after the due dates with a penalty of one grade-point out of 100, per assignment, per day that the assignment is late, including weekends, unless a written request (with serious reasons) has been submitted in advance of the due date and written permission has been granted by the instructor. If students have to miss the final exam, they need to apply to their Faculty for a Deferred Exam.

### **Appealing Grades**

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.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism and cheating and exam impersonation found in the section on "Academic Integrity" of the General Academic Regulations in the online Academic Calendar, and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation at

[http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student\\_resources/student\\_responsibilities\\_integrity.html](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.html) which reads:

*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.*

### **Student Resources**

Student supports and resources are available throughout the Fall and Winter terms. Please consult the appropriate webpages for information on virtual appointments or other modes of contact during this period of limited in-person services.

#### 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/](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 Counselling 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.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html>

#### 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 twitter account @UMH\_Undergrad, our instagram account @UMHISA\_Undergrad, or emailing [umhisau@gmail.com](mailto:umhisau@gmail.com).