

Fall 2026: History 2311, Western Civilization to 1600
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Schedule:

Part One: Mesopotamia, Egypt and Greece

Part Two: Rome

Part Three: The Middle Ages

Part Four: Early Modern Civilization

There are three primary objectives for the student of history at the college level. First is the acquisition of facts about history that will give the student a degree of cultural literacy that is required for an individual to be considered college-educated citizen. Second is to imbue and develop in the student a facility for critical thinking when addressing political, economic, cultural or social issues and institutions. The third objective is the combination of one and two. To create opinions and discussions rooted in fact and refined by the student's own logic.

The subject matter will begin with prehistoric stone-age developments and proceed to examine a variety of civilizations up to the beginnings of European hegemony. Major themes will include components of civilizations, uniqueness of civilizations, and, as a matter of convention, the rise and fall of civilizations.

“The truth isn’t easily pinned to a page. In the bathtub of history the truth is harder to hold than the soap, and much more difficult to find. . . .” Terry Pratchett

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Students should maintain all materials returned by the professor