

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Semester I, 1988-89

Integrated Liberal Studies 207:
History of Western Culture, Part I

Mr. Clover

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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LECTURES

Three lectures each week, and a fourth hour for small-group discussion of current readings and lectures.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS: THE STANDARD OPTION

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GRADING SYSTEM

Standard option: 6th-week exam 30 %, 11th week exam or paper 30 %, final exam 35 % of final grade.

Colloquium: participation in colloquium 30 %, first draft 30 %, final draft of term paper 35 % of final grade.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MEDITERRANEAN: MAP ASSIGNMENT

Take time to learn the locations of the places listed below. If you wish, keep track of the unfamiliar places by noting them on an outline map of the Mediterranean lands; such outline maps are available on the first floor of the University Book Store. For your convenience, copies of the HAMMOND WORLD ATLAS/GEMINI EDITION are available on reserve in H.C. White Hall, room 1191, and in the History Library, 4257 Humanities Bldg. (open weekdays 8:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.). Pagination in the HAMMOND ATLAS/GEMINI EDITION is cited in the list below, in parentheses.

GERMANY (pp. 22-24)

Rhine River

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG
(pp. 25-27)

Rhine River
North Sea

FRANCE (pp. 28-30)

English Channel
Bay of Biscay
Gulf of Lions
Rhone River
Pyrenees Mts.
Provence

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL (pp. 31-33)

Pyrenees Mts.
Meseta
Ebro River
Guadalquivir River
Gulf of Cadiz
Gulf of Valencia
Balearic Islands
Costa Brava
Strait of Gibraltar

ITALY (pp. 34-36)

Alps Mts.
Po River
Gulf of Genoa
Gulf of Venice
Apennine Mts.
Adriatic Sea
Tyrrhenian Sea
Ionian Sea
Corsica
Sardinia
Sicily
Malta
Gulf of Taranto
Strait of Messina

SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN
(pp. 37-39)

Alps Mts.
Rhone River
Lake Geneva

AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND
HUNGARY (pp. 40-42)

Danube River

BALKAN STATES (pp. 43-45)

Dinaric Alps
Pindus Mts.
Danube River
Ionian Sea
Aegean Sea
Macedonia
Peloponnese
Cyclades Islands
Crete
Rhodes
Gulf of Corinth

TURKEY, SYRIA, LEBANON AND
CYPRUS (pp. 61-63)

Dardanelles
Sea of Marmara
Black Sea
Bosporus
Plateau of Anatolia
Taurus Mts.
Gulf of Antalya
Gulf of Alexandretta
Cyprus
Lebanon Mts.
Orontes River
Euphrates River

ISRAEL AND JORDAN (pp. 64-65)

Sea of Galilee
Jordan River
Dead Sea
Negev Desert
Syrian Desert

IRAN AND IRAQ (pp. 66-67)

Euphrates River
Tigris River
Persian Gulf

WESTERN AFRICA (pp. 106-109)

Strait of Gibraltar
Gulf of Tunis
Cape Bon
Gulf of Gabès
Atlas Mts.

NORTHEASTERN AFRICA (pp. 110-112)

Gulf of Sidra
Libyan Desert
Sahara Desert
Nile River
Sinai Peninsula
Red Sea
Gulf of Aden
Indian Ocean

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