

Syllabus for  
**HUM 203 – Learning from the Late Middle Ages**  
3 Credit Hours  
Fall 2021

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A historical survey and worldview synthesis emphasizing philosophical, religious, political, economic, artistic, and aesthetic developments of human culture and civilization from 1300 to 1648. Focuses on the Late Middle Ages, Renaissance, the Reformation Age, and the Scientific Revolution.

II. COURSE GOALS

This course is designed to allow the student to study the foundation and development of Western Civilization. Students will gain an understanding of Western Civilization through a multi-disciplinary approach to learning. Historical studies will serve as the organizational theme of this course but will also emphasize literature and fine arts, social/political and economic institutions and ideas, as well as philosophy and theology.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

As a result of successfully completing this course, the student will be able to do the following:

A. Terminal Objectives

1. Describe the technological development, economic, and social changes, including the revival of trade, and global interchange of ideas, that helped give rise to the Early Modern Age.
2. Explain the social and political developments including the philosophical ideas of the church and state in Europe.
3. Outline and discuss the pre and post Copernican views of the universe and the rise of modern science.
4. Describe the characteristics and importance of the various artistic expressions (Painting, Literature, Music, Drama, and Architecture) of the European worldview during this period.
5. Discuss the philosophical and theological worldview of the Catholic and Protestant Europeans and how this unique worldview is interrelated to the new developments in the arts, politics, and economy of the era.

B. Objectives for Students in Teacher Preparation Programs

The Teacher Preparation Program meets the competency-based requirements established by the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Preparation. This course meets the following competencies:

- SC 1: Compares and contrasts differing sets of ideas, personalities, and institutions of world cultures and major historical periods.
- SC 2: Analyzes the cause and effect of relationships, multiple causation and perspectives, including the importance of the individual on historical events.
- SC 3: Analyzes the influence of the past on the present and uses a knowledge of history and geography to anticipate and plan for the future, evaluating alternative courses of action.
- SC 4: Interprets given historical data in order to evaluate information in its context.
- SC 5: Applies the skills of analysis, interpretation, research, and decision-making to develop an understanding of history and geographic concepts.

#### IV. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

- A. Required Materials  
Spielvogel. Western Civilization. 10th edition. There are low-cost rental options (either e-book or paper books) from the ORU Campus Store and from the publisher's website at [www.cengage.com](http://www.cengage.com).
- B. Optional Materials
  - 1. Textbooks: None
  - 2. Other: None

#### V. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. University Policies and Procedures
  - 1. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University must adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, electronic, video, multimedia, or computer software. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating involve both lying and stealing and are violations of ORU's Honor Code: "I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments." Plagiarism is usually defined as copying someone else's ideas, words, or sentence structure and submitting them as one's own. Other forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) the following:
    - a. Submitting another's work as one's own or colluding with someone else and submitting that work as though it were his or hers;
    - b. Failing to meet group assignment or project requirements while claiming to have done so;
    - c. Failing to cite sources used in a paper.
    - d. Creating results for experiments, observations, interviews, or projects that were not done;
    - e. Receiving or giving unauthorized help on assignments.
 By submitting an assignment in any form, the student gives permission for the assignment to be checked for plagiarism, either by submitting the work for electronic verification or by other means. Penalties for any of the above infractions may result in disciplinary action including failing the assignment or failing the course or expulsion from the University, as determined by department and University guidelines.
  - 2. Final exams cannot be given before their scheduled times. Students need to

check the final exam schedule before planning return flights or other events at the end of the semester.

B. Department Policies and Procedures

1. **Tardies**—Tardies are an inconvenience to the other class members and the professor, and they prevent the late student from obtaining maximum value from the class. Therefore, excessive tardies may adversely affect the semester grade. It is to the student's advantage to make sure that the professor is informed immediately following the close of the class that the student was tardy and not absent. It is not the professor's responsibility to stop the class to mark the tardy; the student is the one responsible for conveying that information immediately following that class, not at a later time.
2. **Incompletes**—As stated in the University catalog, incompletes are granted only for "good cause," such as extended hospitalization, long-term illness, or a death in the family. *To qualify for an Incomplete, students must have made substantial progress in the course* prior to requesting the Incomplete. Students must petition prior to the end of classes for the session by filing a Petition for Incomplete at [petitions.oru.edu](http://petitions.oru.edu). The student must also notify the instructor and discuss with the instructor plans to complete remaining work.
3. **Late Work**
  - a. The student is responsible for obtaining class assignments and material covered during an absence. All work must be completed as scheduled. Late work may result in a lower grade. An absence is not an excuse for turning in late work or for being unprepared with assignments for the class following the absence. Computer or printer malfunction does not constitute an excuse for late work; students should have their work prepared in time to ensure that they can get it proofread, edited, and printed prior to the instructor's due date. These responsibilities assist the student in professional development.
  - b. Instructors have their own late-work policies that are given to students at the beginning of a course. Instructors use their own judgment in accepting late work resulting from all other absences. In cases where these absences can be anticipated, such as for non-University sponsored mission trips, the work should normally be submitted prior to the absence. In unanticipated absences, such as sickness or family crises, the instructor should be notified as soon as possible and agreement reached on due dates and possible penalties.
4. **Attendance**—Because unavoidable circumstances can prevent perfect attendance, each student is allowed to miss class the number of times per week a class meets. This allowance is for absences such as illness, personal business, and emergency. The student may consider this "sick leave." If a student has absences in excess of this number, the earned grade for the course may be affected. Attendance at each class or laboratory is mandatory at Oral Roberts University. Excessive absences can reduce a student's grade or deny credit for the course. A student who leaves class before dismissal may be marked absent. Extended illnesses are handled on an individual basis and require verification from a doctor.
5. **Administratively Excused Absences**—Only absences that are required by approved University activities are given administrative excuses. Students who must miss class for University-sponsored activities must follow these procedures:

- a. Inform the professor before the event and make arrangement for the work to be submitted prior to the absence or at a mutually agreed upon deadline.
  - b. Present an administrative excuse form with appropriate signatures when he or she returns to class. Doctors' or nurses' notes, or letters from groups sponsoring mission trips or activities do not qualify a student for an administratively excused absence.
  - c. Obtain information covered during an absence. All work must be completed as scheduled.
  - d. Not commit to class presentation (oral reports, speeches, group presentations, etc.) on a date that the student will be gone. Makeup work is not permitted if the student voluntarily committed to a performance on the date of an administratively excused absence.
6. **Extra Credit**—Students should not expect extra credit to help raise a grade.
7. **Plagiarism** – Each student attending Oral Roberts University is required to do his or her own academic work and must not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments. Students must document all sources and ideas that are not their own original information by following correct MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation procedures. Failure to do this produces a plagiarized paper, which results in an F for the paper. Photocopies of sources must be turned in with research papers. Flagrant cheating results in an F for the course.
8. **Electronic Device Use during Examinations**
- a. Laptop computers, pads, I-pods, and other portable computer/electronic devices must be put away during examinations.
  - b. **Cell phones must be put away or placed face-down on the desk during examinations. Students who have a cell phone in hand during an examination or who have a cell phone nearby and face-up on the desk will be considered in violation of this policy.**
  - c. Ear phones, ear buds, and radio watches are not allowed during examinations.
  - d. The penalty for violating this policy is a zero for the examination, and possibly a failing grade for the course.

C. Course Policies and Procedures

- 1. Evaluation Procedures
 

The following scale will be used for the assignments, the final examination, and the course grade.

100% - 90% = A

89% - 80% = B

79% - 70% = C

69% - 60% = D

Below 60% = F
- 2. Other Policies and/or Procedures
  - a. Examinations must be taken on the date and time assigned. It is the student's responsibility to contact the professor concerning missed work or examinations due to absences, and to do so promptly if possible. Late work or missed examinations, if excused, normally must be made up within one week.

- b. Submitting someone else's work as one's own is the worst type of plagiarism and will result in a failing grade for the assignment. Failure to acknowledge where paraphrased or summarized information came from is a second type of plagiarism. Using a source for information and acknowledging that source incorrectly is a third type of plagiarism. Incorrectly paraphrasing an author (even though it was footnoted) is the most common type of plagiarism. For example, many students simply change a word here or there from a sentence in the textbook, or change the word order of a statement by an author. This is not paraphrasing; it is plagiarism and may result in a zero or a failing grade for the assignment. A true paraphrase is done by using your own words and sentence structure.
- c. No more than two unexcused absences are allowed per semester for two-day per week class, or no more than three unexcused absences for a three-day per week class. Additional unexcused absences may result in reduction of grade at the instructor's discretion. If a student is late to class two times, it shall count as one absence. If a student is more than 5 minutes late for class, the student may be counted absent for the day. Students leaving class early without permission may be counted absent.

## VI. COURSE CALENDAR

WEEK	SUBJECT	Assignment
1	Overview and Introduction	
1	Late Medieval Civilization	
3	Late Medieval Church	
4	Italian Renaissance Art and Ideas	
5	Northern Renaissance: Erasmus	
6	English Renaissance: Shakespeare	
7	The Lutheran Reformation	
8	The Reformation Spreads: Calvinism and Radical Reformers	
9	Political and Social Results of the Reformation	
10	Fall Break	
11	Protestant/Catholic Conflicts in Europe	
12	Scientific Revolution	
13	Science and Christianity	
14	Social, Economic, and Worldview Developments in the Post-Reformation Period	
15	Post-Reformation Revivalism and Its Impact on Society	
16	Review and Final Examination Preparation	