HISTORY 102
Modern Western Civilization--The Evolution of Western Ideas and Institutions since the 17th Century

Using the methods of Intellectual and Cultural History, this course will investigate the main currents of Western thought and culture since the seventeenth century. While addressing social and political themes, we will more carefully consider responses to these issues by leaders in intellectual and cultural life. Using visual arts and music, as well as literary, philosophical, and political texts, we will study the major intellectual trends of the Western tradition and attempt to determine their influence on society.

Professor David B. Dennis
Department of History
Loyola University Chicago

COURSE PROCEDURE

• This course will involve independent study of online materials combined with synchronous discussion of these materials. This will constitute a synthesis of learning through lectures and independent study with direct discussion and interaction.

  Online Lectures

• Through the week, according to the course schedule, you will be asked to watch and listen to recorded lectures, in the form of MP4 videos.

  Studying Materials

• While and after going through each lecture, you will need to look carefully at all course visual examples, read required readings, listen to music samples, and consult background readings for each course unit.

  Online Quizzes

• After listening to lectures and studying the course materials, you will complete the online quizzes that are part of every course unit.
  • The results of these quizzes will constitute your Quizzes Grade.

  Online Forum Participation
• After watching the Video Lectures and completing the quiz, you are required to post questions and comments based on your study of these materials on the Course Unit Forum in the Sakai site.
  • These posts will be the basis for your online Forum Contribution Grade.

Synchronous Chats

• On one day a week, Fridays from 10-11 am, we will meet via Adobe Connect to chat about the online materials together.
  • Attendance and participation in these chat sessions will be the basis for your Online Class Participation Grade.

Written Exams

• You will be required to write two "take-home" examinations.
• After obtaining the exam forms via Sakai Assignments, you will complete the required questions by the established deadline.
• You must then submit the completed exams by the time of the deadline, uploaded as Microsoft Word documents within Sakai Assignments.
  • The graded results of these exams will constitute your Midterm and Final Exam Grades.

Grading procedure

• Note: once individual grades (id, exam, etc.) are entered, the overall grade is final: x.9 is not rolled up!

Instructor:

• To find out more about who is at the other end of this course, go to my LUC web page and, for a little more information, my own version.