

# VALENCIA COLLEGE

## Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization

EUH 2000, CRN 24344

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**Class Day:** Virtual  
**Class Time:** Virtual

### COVID Guidelines

Throughout the COVID pandemic, Valencia College has been primarily focused on the health and well-being of its students, faculty, and staff. This continues to be our priority as we return to more face-to-face classes, and college policy continues to be guided by science and the guidelines issued by the CDC and our partners at Orlando Health. I urge all students who are able to do so to get vaccinated, wear masks, and encourage friends and family to do so as well.

Should you become ill with COVID, please inform me and your professors and coworkers both for our safety, and the safety of our Valencia community. I will do what I can to assist you in completing successfully our coursework. Please inform our COVID liaison Tanya Mahan ([COVIDillness@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:COVIDillness@valenciacollege.edu)) as well, so she can support you in this process. We are in this together!

For more information, please consult: <https://valenciacollege.edu/about/coronavirus/>

### Course Description

Survey of ancient, medieval, and early modern western civilization with an emphasis on political, social, and economic development. Examines the ancient world, classical antiquity, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Reformation and the age of religious wars, the origins of the modern state, and other topics. Gordon Rule course in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple writing assignments. Minimum grade of C required if EUH 2000 is used to satisfy Gordon Rule requirements.

### Valencia Core Competencies

The faculty of Valencia College have established four core competencies that define the learning outcomes for a Valencia graduate. These competencies are essential to student success in a variety of contexts and you will have opportunities to practice them throughout this class. They are:

**Think:** think clearly, critically, and creatively analyze, synthesize, integrate, and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry

**Value:** make reasoned judgments and responsible commitments

**Act:** act purposefully, effectively, and responsibly

**Communicate:** communicate with different audiences used varied means

## Course Objectives & Learning Outcomes

- I. Students will identify the principal persons, places, and events from the chronological framework of this course.
- II. Students will synthesize the thematic historical influences that shaped the early history of Western Civilization
- III. Students will illustrate the impact of the individual, regardless of socioeconomic position, as participants in the making of history.
- IV. Students will describe how diversity influenced the early history of Western Civilization.
- V. Students will connect lessons, patterns, or characteristics from historical events to current events.
- VI. Students will interpret historical events by using appropriate historical methods
- VII. Students will demonstrate college-level writing skills.

## Required Texts

Cole, Joshua, and Carol Symes. *Western Civilizations*. Brief 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Vol 1. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2020.

ISBN: 0393614883.

The textbook is available to rent or purchase through the [Valencia College Bookstore](#).

## Supplemental Readings

In addition to the required textbook, the instructor will assign various online and electronic file readings and will distribute them via Canvas. See Course Schedule below for the reading schedule.

## Course Organization

This is an online course organized into weekly modules. There are also explanatory modules that include guidelines and information about how to complete assignments. Everything you need for each week (except the textbook) is in that week's module. Each weekly module has an agenda document; read that document first each week as it includes an overview, a to-do list, and learning outcomes. Canvas will be used in this course for submitting assignments and course communication. Students must regularly sign in to Canvas and check their Valencia email to successfully complete this course. Checking both daily is highly recommended.

## Grading

All of the assignments in this course will be based on a 100-point scale. Grades will adhere to the following grading scale:

<b>A</b>	<b>100-90</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>89-80</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>79-70</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>69-60</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>59-0</b>

## Assignments

<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Writing Assignments</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Google Earth Project</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Art Presentation</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Midterm Examination</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Final Examination</b>	<b>20%</b>

For directions and guidelines for each assignment, see the relevant Canvas Modules.

## Course Policies

You are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures of this course, which are outlined below.

### Grading Policy

Grades and feedback on assigned work will be returned within one week of an assignment's deadline. Grades and feedback for essays will be returned within twelve (12) days after their due date.

### Attendance

This is an online course, available 24/7, managed through Canvas. You must have regular access to the Internet (available on all Valencia campuses) to complete the course requirements. Your online attendance will be checked each week based on your participation in the course and submission of coursework. You will be counted as present in this class for the week as long as you complete one of the week's required assignments on time.

### Drop/Refund Deadline

The deadline to drop this course and receive a full refund is **Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 11:59pm.**

## Withdrawal Policy

Per Valencia policy, a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a grade of 'W.' A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline.

The withdrawal deadline for the Spring semester is **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 11:59pm.**

## Late Work Policy

### *On Late Assignments*

Late work will be accepted only if students provide official written documentation indicating that they have experienced an unforeseen medical emergency or ongoing medical condition that is submitted on the first day of the student's return to the course. What constitutes an emergency or an "ongoing medical condition" is at the sole discretion of the instructor. If you do not meet this criteria, no late work will be accepted.

All assignments must be submitted by the stipulated deadline date unless prior arrangement with the professor has been established. Late submission of work, without this prior arrangement (and barring a true, well-documented and unforeseeable emergency) will not be accepted and a zero score will be allocated. This means it is very important to keep up with all work in this class.

### *On Examinations*

This same policy applies to the Midterm Examination. If you miss the Midterm Exam and believe that you have a true, well-documented and unforeseeable emergency, you must contact the instructor to request a make-up and provide him with the documentation within 24 hours of the missed exam. Failure to do so will result in an automatic zero grade on the exam.

The Final Examination cannot be made up late nor can extensions be provided. The Final Exam is mandatory. You must complete it in order to successfully complete this course.

## College Student Conduct Policy

Valencia College is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia's learning community and that does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

## Online Class Etiquette

Common courtesy is essential to a learning environment. It is important that the online classroom provides an atmosphere for all student's voices and points of view to be shared without fear of insult or attack. Therefore, students should be respectful of each other, especially when disagreeing with one another. Speaking in an uncivil manner and all forms of discrimination will not be tolerated.

## Academic Integrity

Plagiarism, cheating, violating testing conditions, and complicity in dishonest behavior are all serious breaches in the expectations of Valencia College and are subject to immediate disciplinary action. Depending on the severity of the infraction, this can result in failing the course and even expulsion from the college. All work that a student submits in this class must be their own and all sources must be properly cited. It is never acceptable to claim the work of others as your own or to turn in the same work for credit in multiple classes.

Plagiarism can include:

- Turning in and claiming another person's work as your own.
- Turning in work submitted for a grade in another class.
- Copying the work or writing of a classmate.
- Copying and pasting text from websites, articles, books, etc.
- Using another person's words without properly citing them.

All written work in this course is run through a plagiarism checker. Any instances of academic dishonesty will result in a zero for the assignment with no opportunity to resubmit the assignment for a grade.

## Learning Support Services

Valencia College provides all learning and student support services for all students in need of assistance outside of the classroom, whether on campus or online.

### Distance Tutoring

Learning Support Services provides students with academic support through distance tutoring, face-to-face tutoring at the campuses, writing consultations, library services, and resources. Tutoring is offered in most academic disciplines including math, science, foreign languages, English for academic purposes (EAP), computer programming, and writing assistance for any course. Assistance with library research can be accessed online through Atlas or the tutoring LibGuide. For more information on how to access tutoring and library research assistance, please visit the college-wide [Learning Support Services LibGuide](#).

### Brainfuse Online Tutoring

All Valencia students have free 24/7 access to Brainfuse, an online tutoring and learning hub. This service is best used as a back-up to Valencia's Distance Tutoring service, not as a replacement. Brainfuse is accessible through Canvas or visiting the [Brainfuse LibGuide](#).

### Writing Center

Visit the Writing Center for one-on-one assistance in developing your writing skills. Whether you need help with brainstorming ideas for a paper, creating outlines, formatting Word documents, or feedback and advice on a completed draft, the Writing Center is available to all students free of charge.

To schedule an appointment at the Writing Center, visit the [Writing Center Webpage](#).

## Learning Support Center

Valencia also offers its students free tutoring sessions in its Learning Support Centers, found on each campus. Tutoring is provided for many of the courses offered at Valencia College, and computers and other materials are available to check out as well.

To see the tutoring schedule and find out more about services offered, visit the [Learning Support Center webpage](#).

## Valencia Libraries

At each campus library, librarians and other qualified staff can assist students with searching and finding items and information, citations, and technologies. The library provides a variety of books, eBooks, online articles, textbooks, DVDs, and streaming videos to support course-related research and other learning needs. View the [Library website](#) for more information, as well as the [tutorials](#) below:

- [How to Connect to the Library Online](#)
- [How to Request Books from College and University Libraries](#)
- [How to Access eBooks at Valencia Library](#)
- [What is a Database and How Do I Use It](#)
- [How to Access Databases & Articles](#)

## Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a notification from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the instructor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.

For more information, visit the [Office for Students with Disabilities webpage](#).

## VC Baycare Behavioral Health Assistance Program

Valencia is committed to making sure all of our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia Students can get immediate help that may assist them with psychological issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship programs, dealing with school, home or work. Students have 24-hour unlimited access to the [Baycare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program \(SAP\)](#). Services are free to all Valencia students and are available 24 hours a day by calling **(800) 878-5470**. If needed, the counselor may refer the student to appropriate resources or to speak face-to-face with a licensed counselor.

## Recording Lectures

Students may record video or audio of class lectures for their own personal educational use. A class lecture is defined as a planned presentation by a college faculty member or instructor, during a scheduled class, delivered for the purpose of transmitting knowledge or information that is reasonably related to the pedagogical objective of the course in which the student is enrolled. Recording class activities other than class lectures—including but not limited to class discussions, student presentations, labs, academic exercises involving student participation, and private conversations—is strictly prohibited. Recordings may not include the image or voice of other students in the class, may not be used as a substitute for class participation and class attendance, and may not be published or shared without the written consent of the faculty member. Failure to adhere to these requirements may constitute a violation of the College's Student Code of Conduct.

## Technology Requirements and Skills

Students should verify [computer software and hardware requirements](#) to ensure coursework can be submitted successfully. Since all assignments are submitted through Canvas (unless otherwise noted), access to a computer is required for this course. Students have free access to computers at all Valencia campuses.

Canvas lists [minimum computer specifications](#) and [supported browsers](#) to ensure compatibility. The [Chrome](#) browser is recommended.

Students are also encouraged to install the **Canvas app** on their [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) in order to receive mobile notifications and to access your courses via your mobile device.

## Technical Skills

Students should consider the [basic computer skills](#) needed to be successful in this course, which include:

- Reading and responding to emails
- Software application skills (PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, Office 365, etc.)
- Internet and library database browsing
- Copying and pasting
- Saving files in different formats
- Working with attachments
- File management

[Canvas 101](#) is a free self-paced course available for students to learn more about using the Canvas learning management system used for this course.

## Disclaimer

At the discretion of the instructor, the policies, procedures, assignments, and due dates in this syllabus may be changed at any time. Should this occur, students will be notified beforehand through Canvas Announcements and Valencia College email.