

# **History 106: Modern Western Civilization**

**Cuyamaca College/SDICCCA/Spring 2009, Florence, Italy**  
**Section 9000, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.**

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## **Course Description and Objectives:**

Welcome to Modern Western Civilization! This course emphasizes European history from the seventeenth century to the present day. To take advantage of our Italian and Florentine setting, we will highlight Italian examples throughout this course. Students will become familiar with major political and social changes and movements of modern Western history including: absolutism, the Enlightenment, the Scientific Revolution, the French Revolution, the industrial revolution, liberalism, nationalism, socialism, German unification, Italian unification, the Victorian Age and gender, the First World War, the Russian Revolution and Soviet communism, fascism, the Second World War, the Cold War, the collapse of communism, post-Cold War Europe, and multicultural Europe. Throughout the course, we will also emphasize social history (the history of everyday life), gender in history, and culture. Please ask questions both in and out of class!

## **Required Texts:**

Lynn Hunt, *et Al.*, *The Making of the West: Peoples and Cultures*. Vol. II. 2nd ed.

Primo Levi, *Moments of Reprieve: A Memoir of Auschwitz*.

Course packet

25 Euro in reserve for museum visits not covered by the museum pass

## **Assignments and Grading:**

3 exams (3 X 100)	300 points
2 field exercises (2 X 50 points)	100 points
<u>1 paper</u>	<u>100 points</u>

**Total** **500 points**

## **Grading Scale:**

A = 90-100%, B = 80-89%, C= 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = 0-59%

## Course Policies

**Attendance:** In accordance with Cuyamaca College policies and in order to ensure a positive learning experience in the study-abroad setting, a strict attendance policy will be enforced. The first day of class is mandatory and failure to attend on the first day will result in being dropped from the course. Students may miss two classes without penalty. A third class absence will result in a student being dropped from the course. (Please remember that students must be enrolled in 12 units to be in the program!) Arriving to class late and/or leaving class early will count as a half-absence. In short, do not miss class! Your allowed absences should be used only if you are ill. Students who miss class are responsible for the material they missed.




**Academic Honesty:** In accordance with college guidelines, cheating and/or plagiarism can result in failure for the course and/or further disciplinary action including expulsion from the college.

**Classroom Decorum:** This is a great opportunity to learn in the study abroad setting! There is to be no eating during class and feet should be kept firmly on the floor. Phones and other devices should be turned off and put away. No text messaging or e-mailing during class! After one warning, violators of these policies will be asked to leave and an absence will be recorded.

**The Italian Setting:** Please remember that we are guests in another country with its own history, customs, and laws. When going out into the field, please be respectful at all times. When going on organized field trips with a bus driver, please remember that it is customary for everyone to contribute toward the tip for the bus driver. Please remember also that US law does **not** apply to you in Italy or any other country! You are subject to Italian law!


## Schedule of Topics and Themes

Subject to minor changes

Topic	Readings and Italian Themes	Exams & Assignments
<p><b>Week One at Cuyamaca College, January 16, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>What is "Modern Western Civilization?"/Absolutism/Revolutions of the Mind: Science</p>	<p>Italian village life in the early modern period</p> <p>Galileo Galilei, his work and his trial</p> <p>Read Hunt chapters 13 &amp; 14</p>	
<p><b>Week Two/February 9 &amp; 11</b></p> <p>Revolutions of the Mind II: The Enlightenment The French Revolution</p>	<p>Read Hunt chapter 15 &amp; 16</p>	
<p><b>Week Three/February 16 &amp; 18</b></p> <p>The Age of the French Revolution and Napoleon/Industrial Revolution</p>	<p>The French Revolution in the Italian States</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 16 &amp; 17</p>	

<p><b>Week Four/February 23 &amp; 25</b></p> <p>Industrial Revolution and the Age of “Isms” /Failed Revolutions of 1848</p>	<p>The Risorgimento</p> <p>Goethe's <i>Flight to Italy</i>.</p> <p>Leopardi and Verdi</p> <p>Mazzini, <i>Young Italy</i> and the promise of Italian nationalism</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 17</p>	<p>Exam I</p>
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<p><b>Week Five/March 2 &amp; 4</b></p> <p>Building the Nation State</p>	<p>Italian unification (Garibaldi and the Red Shirt, Cavour and Victor Emmanuel II)</p> <p>Italian Emigration (the Italian Diaspora)</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 18</p>	
<p><b>Week Six/March 9 &amp; 11</b></p> <p>Imperialism, Life in Victorian Europe and the Belle Époque (Victorianism and Gender)</p>	<p>Italian imperialism (attempted conquest of Ethiopia)</p> <p>The Grand Tour: How wealthy Europeans rediscovered Italy</p> <p>Anna Kulischoff and Italian feminism</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 19</p>	<p>Field Exercise I</p>
<p><b>Week Seven/March 16 &amp; 18</b></p> <p>The Great War (World War I), the Russian Revolution, and New Ideologies</p>	<p>The Home Front in Italy</p> <p>Mussolini and the birth of Italian fascism</p> <p>Read Hunt chapters 20 &amp; 21</p>	
<p><b>Week Eight/March 23 &amp; 25</b></p> <p>World War II: Clash of Ideologies and Total War</p>	<p>Fascist Italy and the "banality of the good"</p> <p>Gramsci, <i>Prison Notebooks</i></p> <p>Italy and the Holocaust</p> <p>Levi, <i>Moments of Reprieve</i></p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 21</p>	<p>Exam II</p>

<p><b>Week Nine/March 30 &amp; April 1</b></p> <p>Rebuilding Europe in the Shadow of the Cold War</p>	<p>Italian economic revival (The Marshall Plan in Italy, Industry)</p> <p>The Treaty of Rome and the EEC</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 22</p>	<p>Paper due</p>
<p><b>Easter Week!</b></p>		
<p><b>Week Ten/April 13 &amp; 15</b></p> <p>Postwar Culture</p>	<p>Americanization? Popular culture</p> <p>“High” culture and tourism</p> <p>The Women's Movement: Did feminism skip Italy?</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 23</p>	
<p><b>Week Eleven/April 20 &amp; 22</b></p> <p>Postindustrial Society and the End of the Cold War</p>	<p>The Green Movement in Italy</p> <p>The Mafia in Italy</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 24</p>	
<p><b>Week Twelve/April 27 &amp; 29</b></p> <p>Contemporary Europe and globalization</p>	<p>Italy and the “war on terror”</p> <p>Immigration and Integration in Italy</p> <p>Read Hunt chapter 24</p>	<p>Exam III Field Exercise 2 due</p>