

## FOUNDATIONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, HI120-M

History [3 credits]

*(Independent Study)*

Christian Life College-Madison

### I. INSTRUCTORS

This course will utilize the recorded lectures of Thomas Noble, “The Foundations of Western Civilization.” Noble is professor of history at the University of Notre Dame. He earned his B.A. in History from Ohio University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Medieval History from Michigan State University. Professor Noble has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and research grants from the American Philosophical Society.

The Lead Instructor for the course will oversee the student’s progress. To register for this independent study class, please email the Lead Instructor at [clcm@citychurchonline.org](mailto:clcm@citychurchonline.org). Detailed program and course information is available via the website: <http://www.citychurchonline.org/clc>.

### II. SCHEDULE

This is a self-directed course which students take up to 16-weeks (the length of a typical semester) to complete. For those utilizing this class for summer session, the course must be completed by the last day in August.

### III. DESCRIPTION

Students will discover the essential nature, evolution, and perceptions of Western civilization from its humble beginnings to the dawn of the modern world. With these 48 lectures on the people, places, ideas, and events that make up Western Civilization, this course invites students to explore the vast and rich territory of Western civilization.

### IV. OBJECTIVES – Students will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the history and cultural heritage of Western Civilization.
2. Critically analyze and evaluate competing points of view and voices in Western history.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the religious, social and political systems, economies, and cultures of Western Civilization.
4. Describe the rise of the major monotheistic religions present in Western Civilization, such as Judaism, Christianity, and Islam;
5. Identify defining features of the major ancient cultures of ancient Western Civilization.
6. Identify the social, economic and cultural factors involved in the rise of Medieval European civilization.
7. Identify the causes for the rise of the Renaissance in Medieval Europe.

### V. TEXTBOOKS

1. Required: (Students are responsible for obtaining their own books)
  - a. *How Christianity Changed the World* by Alvin J. Schmidt (Zondervan, 2004)
  - b. *Why You Think the Way You Do: The Story of Western Worldviews from Rome to Home* by Glenn S. Sunshine (Zondervan, 2009)
  - c. *6 Modern Myths About Christianity and Western Civilization* by Philip J. Sampson (IVP, 2001)

2. Recommended:

- a. *The Book that Made Your World: How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization* by Vishal Mangalwadi (Thomas Nelson, 2012)
- b. *When God Spoke Greek: The Septuagint and the Making of Western Civilization* by Timothy Michael Law (Oxford Press, 2013)
- c. *Great Books Reader, The: Excerpts and Essays on the Most Influential Books in Western Civilization* by John Mark Reynolds (Bethany House, 2011)
- d. *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* by Thomas E. Woods (Regnery Publishing, 2005)

## VI. REQUIREMENTS

1. **Lecture Notes** – Students are required to take notes on each of the lectures. These notes should only include the lecturer's main points, sub-points and sub-sub-points. There is no need for any greater detail. **All assignments must be double spaced and completed in 12 point, Times New Roman font.** A recorded library copy of the lectures can be obtained by contacting the Lead Instructor at the email address above. All assignments should be electronically sent to the lead instructor for grading. **Put your name and date on ALL assignments.**
2. **Reading** – Each of the required texts must be read carefully and completely according to the study schedule. Students will be required to report on the quantity and quality of their reading.
3. **Book Report** - Students will write a book report on Sunshine's book, *Why You Think the Way You Do*. This report should adhere to the following guidelines (a rubric is available):
  - a. The book report should be a thoughtful, informed response, considering biblical, theological, and ethical principles and sound reasoning.
  - b. The report should be 6-8 double spaced, typed pages and should include a brief statement introducing the author and title of the book and communicating that the book has not only been read in its entirety, but also read carefully and thoughtfully. If the book has not been read in this manner, communicate the true quantity and quality read.
  - c. Include the primary thesis, purpose, and/or description of the book, the major insights communicated by the book. What points are particularly helpful in understanding the Christian worldview?
  - d. Include ideas that changed or challenged your thinking. How and Why? What ideas are interesting, novel, or problematic?
  - e. In the conclusion, state major strengths and weaknesses of the book; give a brief statement of recommendation and state why you would or would not recommend the book.
  - f. Generous interaction with the author and scripture is required for a satisfactory grade. Be sure to use citations when referring to both the textbook and scripture. All papers should be written in MLA style, double spaced, in 12 point, Times New Roman font. Put your name on the assignment.
4. **Summary of Myths.** Students will write a brief 2-page summary of the "6 Modern Myths." Please provide the main point for each myth -- no more than a couple of paragraphs for each myth. All assignments must be double spaced and completed in 12 point, Times New Roman font. Put your name and date on it.
5. **Discussion Questions** – Students will only answer the "Interpreting the Facts" chapter questions in the main text book, *How Christianity Changed the World* (see the back of the book).

Please be as brief as possible in your responses -- a paragraph or less is ideal; one-word answer is not acceptable. **Include the complete question & question number from the textbook in your response.** All assignments must be double spaced and completed in 12 point, Times New Roman font. Put your name on it.

## VII. GRADING

	Percentage
Lecture and Notes	20%
Reading	30%
Book Report & Summary	25%
Chapter Questions	25%

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>GPA</i>
A	93-100	Excellent	4.00
A-	90-92		3.67
B+	88-89	Very Good	3.33
B	83-87	Good	3.00
B-	80-82	Above Average	2.67
C+	78-79		2.33
C	73-77	Average	2.00
C-	70-72		1.67
D+	68-69	Below Average	1.33
D	63-67	Passing	1.00
D-	60-62		.67
F	0-59	Failure	.00
I		Incomplete	

**VIII. EXTENSIONS:** There will be *no extensions* in this class except for extenuating family emergencies or medical reasons. Incompletes occur when class work is not completed during the semester. Incompletes automatically become "F" thirty days after the semester ends.

**IX. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Academic dishonesty constitutes a serious violation of scholarship standards at CLCM and can result in denial of credit and possible dismissal from school. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on assignments or exams, plagiarism, fabrication of research, the facilitation of academic dishonesty, and depriving others of research materials.

## X. REGISTRATION

1. There is a one-time Registration and Application fee of \$25. This one-time fee must accompany every *first-time* application for enrollment or audit.
2. The current cost of 3 credits is \$400. Students who pay in full when registering will receive a \$50 discount. Other arrangements may be made if done with prior approval. Successful completion of this course will result in 3 earned credits from Christian Life College, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Schedule	Weekly Assignments
Week One	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 1, “People Transformed by Jesus,” pgs. 15 – 45. Answer the 5 discussion questions (interpreting the facts) for Ch. 1 on pg. 425. <b>Listen to lectures 1 – 3</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 1 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read the Intro, pgs. 7 – 26. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Two	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 2, “Sanctification of Human Life,” pgs. 48 – 76. Answer the 5 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 2 on page 426. <b>Listen to lectures 4 – 6</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 2 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read ch. 1, pgs. 27 – 46. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Three	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 3, “Christianity Elevates Sexual Morality,” pgs. 79 – 94. Answer the 5 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 3 on page 427. <b>Listen to lectures 7 – 9</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 3 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read ch. 2, pgs. 47 – 70. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Four	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 4, “Women Receive Freedom &amp; Dignity,” pgs. 97 – 122. Answer the 6 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 4 on page 428. <b>Listen to lectures 10 – 12</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 4 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read ch. 3, pgs. 71 – 91. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Five	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 5, “Charity &amp; Compassion,” pgs. 125 – 148. Answer all 7 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 5 on page 429. <b>Listen to lectures 13 – 15</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 5 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read ch. 4, pgs. 92 – 112. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Six	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 6, “Hospitals &amp; Healthcare,” pgs. 151 – 167. Answer the 4 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 6 on pg. 430. <b>Listen to lectures 16 – 18</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 6 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read ch. 5, pgs. 113 – 129. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Seven	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 7, “Christianity’s Imprint on Education, pgs. 170 – 191. Answer the 4 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 7 on page 431. <b>Listen to lectures 19 – 21</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 7 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read ch. 6, pgs. 130 – 150. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Eight	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 8, “Labor &amp; Economic Freedom,” pgs. 194 – 215. Answer the 6 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 8 on pg. 432. <b>Listen to lectures 22 – 24</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 8 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: read conclusion pgs. 151 - 159. Take notes for your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
Week Nine	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 9, “Science: its Christian Connections,” pgs. 218 – 244. Answer all 7 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 9 on page 435. <b>Listen to lectures 25 – 27</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 9 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b>: Write your first draft, summarizing these 6 myths. Finalize it by next week.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes, &amp; Summary of 6 myths.</p>

<p>Week Ten</p> <p><b>DUE: Summary of the 6 Myths</b></p>	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 10, “Liberty &amp; Justice for All,” pgs. 248 - 270. Answer all 7 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 10 on page 435. <b>Listen to lectures 28 – 30</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 10 (take notes for your book report). <b>6 Modern Myths</b> turn in your summary.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
<p>Week Eleven</p>	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 11, “Slavery Abolished,” pgs. 272 – 290. Answer all 5 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 11 on page 436. <b>Listen to lectures 31 – 33</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – read Ch. 11 (take notes for your book report).</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
<p>Week Twelve:</p>	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 12, “Stamp on Art &amp; Architecture,” pgs. 292 – 312. Answer all 6 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 12 on pgs. 437-438. <b>Listen to lectures 34 – 36</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – begin writing your Book Report. See guidelines on how to write this in the above section. Ask for a Rubric if you want one.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
<p>Week Thirteen:</p>	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 13, “Sound of Music,” pgs. 314 – 342. Answer all 4 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 13 on page 439. <b>Listen to lectures 37 – 39</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – continue working on your report.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
<p>Week Fourteen:</p>	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 14, “Hallmarks of Literature,” pgs. 345 – 372. Answer all 4 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 14 on page 440. <b>Listen to lectures 40 – 42</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – continue working on your report.</p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
<p>Week Fifteen:</p>	<p><b><i>How Christianity Changed the World</i></b> – read chapter 15, “Additional Influence,” pgs. 374 – 403. Answer all 5 questions (interpreting the facts) from Ch. 15 on page 441. <b>Listen to lectures 43 – 48</b>, &amp; take brief notes. <b><i>Why You Think the Way You Do</i></b> – finalize your book report. <b>PROOFREAD!</b></p> <p><b>DUE BY NEXT SESSION</b>— Answers to questions; brief lecture notes. Upload to Google Classroom</p>
<p>Week Sixteen:</p> <p><b>Final Assignments Due</b></p>	<p><b>Turn in your Book Report.</b></p> <p><b>Turn in how much you read of ALL books</b> – did you get 100% of it done in a ‘thorough’ manner?</p> <p><b>Turn in your answers to the questions &amp; final lecture notes from lectures 43-48.</b></p>