Course Description and Objectives: Welcome to Western Civilization II! This course examines the history of modern Europe from 1648 to the present. After taking this course, you will be able to establish a chronology of historical events, explain changing geopolitical structures, and define the importance of key individuals during this period. In addition, you will be able to recognize major social, economic, political, and cultural developments in modern Europe. Most importantly, you will learn how to analyze complex historical sources and materials.

Prerequisites and Preparation: Proficiency in reading and writing English, word processing, internet, and Blackboard. Taking History 101 beforehand is recommended but not required.

Required Texts
- Katharine Lualdi, ed., Sources of The Making of the West, Bedford/St. Martin’s, 4th Edition Volume II Since 1500 (Source Reader)
- Additional texts will be posted on Blackboard for you to print and bring to class.

Course Requirements/Student Responsibilities
- Attendance: You are expected to attend every class meeting for the entire length of the class period and participate in discussions and activities. More than four absences and/or persistent tardiness may hurt your final grade. Being absent for more than 50% of the class meetings may result in a final course grade of F, regardless of written work.
- Homework: You are expected to spend at least five hours per week outside the classroom studying and/or completing assignments for this course. Homework may include reading, essays, and preparing for quizzes and exams.
- Reading: Weekly reading assignments will be posted on Blackboard. You should complete these readings prior to the first day of class every week. Please bring the assigned readings (including Blackboard printouts) to every class meeting.
- Quizzes and Short Assignments: There will be multiple short quizzes and occasional short writing exercises during the semester.
- Essays: There will be two formal essays. Each writing assignment will be posted at least one week prior to the due date. You must complete both essays in order to pass the course.
- **Exams:** There will be two major exams (a midterm and a final), listed on the “Schedule of Classes.” **You must take both exams in order to pass the course.**

### Final Grades

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### General Policies and Guidelines

- **Modification of Syllabus:** This syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class, on Blackboard, and/or by email. In the event of a College-wide emergency, course requirements, classes, deadlines, and grading schemes are subject to changes that may include alternate delivery methods, alternate methods of interaction with the instructor, class materials, and/or classmates, a revised attendance policy, and a revised semester calendar and/or grading scheme.

- **Email Communication:** You are required to use your VCCS email account when communicating with your professors. Please check your VCCS email regularly. You are responsible for all notifications, regardless of whether you read them or not.

- **Blackboard:** All important announcements, assignments, and course materials will be posted on Blackboard. Please log-on regularly for updates. You are responsible for information on Blackboard regardless of whether you read it or not.

- **Absence:** If you miss a class for whatever reason, try to attend one of my other sections during the same week. You are responsible for obtaining notes, handouts, and announcements from a classmate. I will post handouts and slides on Blackboard, yet I will not supply my own notes to students under any circumstances.

- **Tardiness:** Please arrive on time to each class meeting. Arriving late can be disruptive to both your classmates and the instructor. If you know in advance that you will miss part of a class, please inform me in advance. **If you arrive after roll has been taken, or if you leave early, you may be counted as absent.**

- **Behavior:** Please do not disrupt the class in any way (by talking over the professor, distracting students from the lesson, falling asleep, playing music, texting, leaving early, etc.). A consistent pattern of tardiness and/or disruption may result in referral to the Dean of Students and possibly a deduction in the final course grade.

- **Electronic Devices:** Please do not use cell phones, smart phones, pagers, or similar devices in the classroom. They should be silenced prior to the start of class.

  - Laptops and tablet computers may be used in the classroom only for note taking and reading course materials. Please do not check email, use social media, browse the web, send instant messages, play games, or do anything that is not related to the class.

  - In a history class, it may be tempting to look up answers on the internet using mobile devices. Please resist the inclination to do so. **Using the internet during class to find answers—especially during quizzes and exams—is a form of cheating and is forbidden.**

- **Withdrawal:** If you decide to withdraw from the course, you must do so before the deadlines listed in Academic Calendar, following the procedures described in the Student
Handbook. Students who withdraw before the Census Date (January 28) will receive tuition refunds and not have the course appear on their transcripts. Students who withdraw prior to March 22 will receive a “W” on their transcript. After this date, a withdrawal will appear on the transcript as an “F.” Students who never attend class prior to the Census Date will be automatically withdrawn.

- **Due Dates:** All due dates for written assignments are final, unless I announce a change or grant an extension.
- **Late papers:** Papers submitted after the deadline may be penalized one half letter grade (i.e., B to B-, A- to B+) for each day, or fraction thereof, they are late. I may refuse to accept a paper submitted more than two weeks after the deadline.
- **Extensions:** If you need to obtain an individual extension for a paper, you must submit a request in writing (preferably by email) with a detailed justification. I will evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis and respond within 24 hours. Do not assume that you have obtained an extension unless I have explicitly granted one in writing. If you turn in a late paper because of an unexpected illness or emergency, you will need to provide documented verification to avoid a penalty.
- **Missed tests:** If you miss a quiz or exam, you must provide documented proof of illness, emergency, bereavement, or similar excuse in order to take it at a later date. Acceptance of your excuse is entirely at the instructor’s discretion. Please note that make-up tests may be different from the original tests.
- **Incomplete Work:** Failure to complete all of the course requirements by the end of the semester may result in a final course grade of F. You may request a temporary grade of “I” (Incomplete) only if you are passing the class, meet the attendance requirements, and provide documentation of extraordinary, unavoidable circumstances that prevent you from completing all course requirements prior to the end of the semester.
- **Academic Integrity:** You are expected to follow the academic integrity standards discussed in the Student Handbook (page 67) as well as the Information Technology Student/Computer Use Agreement (pp. 69-72). The Student Handbook is available online: [http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/policies--forms/student-handbook/](http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/policies--forms/student-handbook/). You should also read the library’s plagiarism guide: [http://nova.libguides.com/plagiarism](http://nova.libguides.com/plagiarism).

- A case of plagiarism or cheating, as defined by the Student Handbook, may incur an automatic grade of F on the paper or exam. A second case of plagiarism or cheating may result in a final course grade of F. Serious cases may be referred to the Dean of Students.
- **Disabilities:** If you have or think you may have a disability, you may wish to see a Counselor for Disability Services in CA 112. All information will be kept confidential and may increase your chances of success in the academic setting.
- **Fire/Emergency Evacuation Procedures:** In case of emergency, please follow the emergency procedure as discussed on the first day of class and as posted in the classroom.

Northern Virginia Community College is a place for learning and growing. You should feel safe and comfortable anywhere on this campus. In order to meet this objective, you should let your instructor, his/her supervisor, the Dean of Students, or Provost know if any unsafe, unwelcome, or uncomfortable situation arises that interferes with the learning process.

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Schedule of Classes and Important Dates

Week 1 (Jan. 11, 13) Introduction: Europe in Crisis

Week 2 (Jan. 20) Absolute Monarchies
  ➢ MLK Day, Monday, Jan. 18, No Class

Week 3 (Jan. 25, 27) Constitutionalism in Britain
  ➢ Quiz 1 (TBA)
  ➢ Census Date, Thurs., Jan. 28

Week 4 (Feb. 1, 3) Enlightenment
  ➢ First Essay (TBA)

Week 5 (Feb. 8, 10) Imperialism & Capitalism
  ➢ Quiz 2 (TBA)

Week 6 (Feb. 15, 17) French Revolution

Week 7 (Feb. 22, 24) Industrial Revolution

Week 8 (Feb. 29, Mar. 2) MIDTERM EXAM on March 2.

March 7-11 SPRING BREAK (No Class)

Week 9 (Mar. 14, 16) Nations & Empires

Week 10 (Mar. 21, 23) Mass Politics & Ideologies
  ➢ Withdrawal Deadline, Tuesday, Mar. 22

Week 11 (Mar. 28, 30) First World War
  ➢ Quiz 3 (TBA)

Week 12 (Apr. 4, 6) Rise of Totalitarianism
  ➢ Second Essay (TBA)

Week 13 (Apr. 11, 13) Second World War

Week 14 (Apr. 18, 20) The Iron Curtain

Week 15 (Apr. 25, 27) Europe after the Cold War

FINAL EXAM

Section 002N (MW 9:30-10:45, CN-120)  Wednesday, May 4, 8:00-9:40 AM
Section 005N (MW 12:30-1:45, CN-117)  Monday, May 2, 12:00-1:40 PM
Section 006N (MW 2-3:15, CN-103)  Monday, May 2, 2:00-3:40 PM