

CLCS 181: CLASSICAL WORLD CIVILIZATIONS
SECTIONS 1-2
FALL 2023: PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS
Tues. and Thurs. 10:30-11:45 AM / 1:30-2:45 PM
LAEB B268

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REQUIRED TEXTS:

N.K. Rauh and H. Kraus, *A Short History of the Ancient World*, University of Toronto Press, 2017, ISBN: 1442603852 (available in hard copy and on kindle); hereafter, SHAW

PACKBACK ONLINE DISCUSSION BOARD SUBSCRIPTION (SEE BELOW)

On-line course website: assigned links are available at the course website free of charge: <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rauhn>

ONLINE YOU TUBE CLASSICS 181 VIDEO LECTURES

http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv11Ct80hueHqJHYf_XLs6w

PURPOSE OF COURSE: Classical World Civilizations introduces students to “Classical” civilizations on three continents (Europe, Africa, and Asia) demonstrably interconnected by an ancient world system. Course focuses on essential themes of past civilization: religion, philosophy, surviving texts, gender relations, urbanism, technology, social and political formations.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Weekly assignments in SHAW (30 pp / week), Weekly homework assignment in Packback; On-Line Lectures and Primary Source Readings linked via the website, 30 pages per week; All posted images at CWC Website; Class Materials (powerpoints) distributed via Brightspace; Two quizzes, Midterm and Final Exams. Quiz materials include a simple map test (10 ITEMS) and brief multiple-choice questions (25 ITEMS). Midterm and Final Exams comprise a combination of map test, multiple choice, and one long essay, to be

selected by lot. The quizzes and exams will explore the material covered both in class and in the readings, including assigned maps and images.

Make-up quizzes and exams are possible under extraordinary circumstances, but they will NOT follow any specified format and will therefore be more difficult than the originals. Announcements regarding make-up exams will NOT be posted at the website. If you miss an exam for any reason, you need to attend class for details about the make-up.

Late Arrivals will not be allowed to take exams or quizzes (5 minute rule)
NO MAKE UPS TO EXTRA CREDIT QUIZZES, Packback assignments, or in-class opportunities

Packback Questions

Participation is a requirement for this course, and the Packback Questions platform will be used for online discussion about class topics. Packback Questions is an online community where you can be fearlessly curious and ask open-ended questions to build on top of what we are covering in class and relate topics to real-world applications.

Packback Requirements:

Your participation on Packback will count toward **10%** of your overall course grade.

Submissions for each week are due on **SUNDAY 11:59 PM** In order to receive full credit, you should submit the following per each deadline period:

2. **Insert your class's posting requirements per deadline period here - you can find this info in your Packback Community for reference!**
(<https://app.packback.co/my-communities/upcoming-communities>)
3. **Ex: 1 Question, worth 4pts**
4. **2 responses, worth 3pts each**
5. **All posts must achieve a minimum of 60 Curiosity Points to receive full credit**

PLEASE NOTE: The Packback assignment is intended to be topical and to address the materials covered week by week in class. **THERE ARE NO MAKE-UPS FOR PACKBACK ASSIGNMENTS.** The portal for each week's assignment closes on Sunday. However, the Packback assignment is available every week of the semester (15 deadlines). You need to complete 10 of 15 to obtain full credit for the assignment. Those who complete more than 10 will receive 5 extra credit quiz points per assignment in excess of 10)

How to Register on Packback:

Note: Only access Packback through **Brightspace** in order to ensure your grades sync properly

- Click "Packback" within [**Brightspace => Content => Packback Questions**] to access the community.
- Follow the instructions on your screen to finish your registration.
- **In order for your grade to be visible in Brightspace**, make sure to only access Packback via **Brightspace**

Packback requires a \$39 paid subscription.

How to Get Help from the Packback Team:

If you have any questions or concerns about Packback throughout the semester, please read their FAQ at help.packback.co. If you need more help, contact their customer support team directly at help@packback.co.

For a brief introduction to Packback Questions and why we are using it in class, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV7QmikrD68>

ASSESSMENT AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION: Packback assignments (minimum of 10) 10% of final grade; Each quiz (2) = 15% of final grade; Each exam (2) = 30% of final grade. Grading is based on a 200 point scale. Each packback assignment is worth 2 points; Each quiz is worth 30 pts; Each exam is worth 60 pts, for a total of 200 pts (179 and above = A; 159-178 = B; 139-158 = C;

119-138 = D). We do assign +/- Grades. All extra credit opportunities are based on the same point system and range from 1 to 18 points.

The Complete Grading Scale is as follows:

- A+: 193 – 200 (+)
- A: 185 – 192
- A-: 179 – 184
- B+: 173 – 178
- B: 165 – 172
- B-: 159 – 164
- C+: 153 – 158
- C: 145 – 153
- C-: 139 – 144
- D+: 133 - 138
- D: 125 – 132
- D-: 119 – 124
- F: 118 or below

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS (all in class): QUIZ 1, THURSDAY, SEPT. 14; Midterm Exam – THURSDAY, OCT. 19; QUIZ 2 TUESDAY, NOV. 14; Final Exam TBA.

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance in this class will be monitored on a regular basis in order to gauge over all student performance. Periodic in-class extra credit exercises will be used to accomplish this. Extra credit exercises will NOT be announced in advance. **NO MAKE UPS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THESE EXERCISES. TO OBTAIN THE CREDIT YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLASS WHEN THEY ARE ASSIGNED.**

CLASS DISTURBANCES: Each and every student enrolled in CLASSICS 181 remains responsible For the CLASSICS 181 course materials, assignments, deadlines, in-_class announcements, and examinations, regardless of whether he or she chooses (or is able) to attend class. It is the assumption of the professor that those students who do attend class do so to attend the lectures and to focus on class instruction. For this reason the professor will not tolerate class disturbances or interruptions during his lectures. The professor welcomes any and all student questions, as indicated by raising one's hand, as well as at large class discussion. Private in-class discussions otherwise cannot be tolerated. *Any student found to be causing a disturbance in the CLASSICS 181 class room will be subject, without*

further warning, to immediate and automatic expulsion from class. Readmission will be determined following direct consultation with the professor at his office.

CLASSICS 181 WEBPAGE <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rauhn>

Apart from SHAW, all assigned course materials are posted at this site, including the assigned readings for the first two weeks (CWC Primer). Use the site to download lectures, maps, and images for quizzes, exams, and extra credit assignments. Students are responsible for all materials posted at the website. Students frequently request that I share copies of the class powerpoints; when so requested (and posted at Brightspace as download pdfs), these too become part of the assigned course materials. Familiarize yourself with the various links. The Instructor will try to maintain an active class bulletin board at the website, but for purposes of speed, he will send announcements via Brightspace. Be sure to link your email to the Brightspace RSL to receive these announcements. Students are responsible for all announcements made in class regardless of whether or not these get posted at the website. PLEASE NOTE:

- Includes all exam materials and the syllabus:
- Bulletin Board
- Assigned Lectures (CWC Primer)
- Links to assigned primary source readings
- Maps and Images
- Essays
- Extra Credit Pottery Quiz and Roman Forum Map

DEPARTMENTALSUPPLEMENT TO SYLLABUS (FYI):

The School of Languages and Cultures conducts online course evaluations at the end of the semester. Students will be notified of the availability of online evaluations in November, and you will receive automatic reminders until exams begin. Although instructors will be notified regarding the rate of response, the results of the online evaluations will not be released to your instructor until after final grades have been submitted.

Below is an overview of the course assigned readings. FOR THE DAY-BY-DAY READING SCHEDULE, CLICK HERE.

Course Schedule

Week	Topic & Readings	Graded Assignments
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Week 1 Aug. 22-24	CWC Primer, Chs. 1-2, Course Introduction , Means of Chronological Dating ; SHAW, pp. 1-8	packback
Week 2 Aug. 29 – 31	CWC Primer, Chs. 3-4, Human Prehistory , Ancient Religious World Views	packback
Week 3 Sept. 5-7	Bronze Age Near East: SHAW, 9-34; CWC Readings, Hammurabi's Law Code	packback
Week 4 Sept. 12-14	Ancient Egypt; SHAW, 35-81	Quiz 1, in class, Thurs. Sept. 14 packback
Week 5 Sept. 19-21	Aegean Civilization and Wider Societal Collapse; SHAW, 63-81	packback,
Week 6 Sept. 26-28	Iron Age Near Eastern Civilizations; SHAW, 85-102	packback
Week 7 Oct. 3-5	Ancient Israel; SHAW, 103-122; CWC Readings: Isaiah	packback
Week 8 Oct. 12	Ancient India; SHAW, 123-145;	packback
Week 9 Oct. 17-19	Classical Greek Civilization; SHAW, 147-164	Midterm Exam, THURS. Oct. 19 packback
Week 10 Oct. 24-26	Hellenistic Greece; SHAW, 164-188; CWC Readings Aristophanes , Lysistrata	packback
Week 11 Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Ancient Chinese Civilization; SHAW, 189-214	packback
Week 12 Nov. 7-9	State Formation in Ancient Rome; SHAW, 218-237	packback
Week 13 Nov. 14-16	Roman Imperialism and the Formation of Empire; SHAW, 239-256;	Quiz 2, Tues.. Nov. 14 packback
Week 14 Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Break (Tues. Nov. 21, Class time office hours)	packback
Week 15 Nov. 28-30	The Pax Romana and Trajectory of the Roman Empire; SHAW, 257-271; CWC Readings, Suetonius , Life of Caligula	packback
Week 16 Dec. 5-7	Resilience Theory and the Character of Societal Collapse; SHAW, 273-286	packback

* Schedule and assignments subject to change. Any changes will be posted in Brightspace Announcements and at the CWC website