

COURSE TITLE: 1818 Western Civilizations  
COURSE LENGTH: 1 year  
COURSE CREDIT: 1 high school credit;  
6 hours college credit through SLU

COURSE TYPE: elective  
GRADE LEVEL: 12  
PREREQUISITE: GPA of 3.3 or better;  
teacher approval

COURSE GOALS:

1. Students will earn six hours of college credit through St. Louis University.
2. Students will identify various themes of continuity and change in the social, economic, and political history of the western world.
3. Students will demonstrate examples of interdependency among the nations of the western world.
4. Students will recognize the importance of geography in the history of the western world.
5. Students will use the tools of social science inquiry in producing research projects, papers and web pages relating to western civilizations.

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COURSE CONTENT:

1. The first civilizations, Greeks, Romans, Judaism, Christianity
2. The Middle Ages, Byzantium, Islam
3. The rise of nations, Renaissance, Reformation, conflict, exploration, expansion
4. Divine right monarchies, old regimes, Enlightenment, French Revolution, and Napoleon
5. Romanticism, reaction, revolution, Industrialism, modernization of nations, and Imperialism
6. Great War, Russian Revolution, crisis between the Wars, democracies and the non-western world
7. Second World War and its aftermath, twentieth century ideas and writings, current world issues