

FINAL EXAM AND COURSE GRADES

It's been a trying semester, but the end is near. Here are some things you need to be aware of as we approach the final weeks of the course.

Final Exam

The final exam will be a “take home” exam. The exam sheet with the questions will be posted on Friday, May 22. I must receive your written exam by email as a Word or PDF attachment no later than Tuesday, May 26. The exam page is accessible from a blue button on the schedule page, as with the week by week pages. A direct link is also provided below.

Structure. The exam will consist of four sections: (a) identification and impact, where you define terms from the course and discuss their significance; (b) multiple choice; (c) short essays, not unlike the quiz questions; and (d) a long essay, where you make an argument related to one of the themes of the course and discuss three examples. The first three sections cover material only from the midterm onward—in other words, Greece and Rome. The long essay is cumulative for the entire course. Note that everything assigned in the course, including textbook readings, *Gilgamesh*, *Clouds*, and your own research for the second and third essays is fair game for the exam.

Review sheet. A review sheet covering the content and structure of the exam is posted on the exam page. The review sheet also has topics and questions that are designed to help you prioritize areas that you might need to review over areas you feel more confident in. Remember, there are videos for the entire course available on the videos page of my website. The playlist is also linked below.

Plagiarism. I expect the answers on the exam to be your discussion and knowledge based on the material we've covered in the course. Answers on the exam must not be copied and pasted from anywhere, unless brief material is being used as evidence for your argument in the long essay, in quotes, and is correctly attributed. I'm not saying that you need to do this, just that if anything is not your own words, it must be quoted and cited, and you can only do this in the long essay. All exams and papers will be electronically and manually checked for plagiarism and will receive a zero if any is found. Sorry, I would normally be more trusting and make a big deal about this, but I've had serious cases of cheating already on both the quizzes and the written assignments.

Absolute deadline for all assignments

All written assignments must be submitted to me by email no later than Tuesday, May 26. I can't make any exceptions, because I have a rigid, absolute deadline for submitting my own grades to CUNY. I will send out emails to all students that weekend reminding them of anything I do not have, and you should also check the grading page to make sure all earlier assignments are accounted for while I'm the process of grading the final essay and the exams.

This deadline applies to the three essays, the exam, and any reversible deduction submissions. All must be emailed by May 26.

Overall grades for the course

Final exam grades and overall grades for the course will be posted on the grading page on my website no later than Friday, May 29, along with grading sheet breakdowns for the final exam.

Incompletes. Please note that *I do not give incompletes unless they are explicitly and mutually agreed before I post grades for the course.* If you feel that an incomplete is appropriate in your case because of the exigencies of what has been going on this semester, please email me to discuss it, and make sure that we have both agreed to the incomplete and to your completion of the missing work within an agreed timeframe.

Unofficial Withdrawal. Students who do not complete the final exam by the deadline, and who have not mutually agreed with me to an incomplete prior to the deadline, will be reckoned as not having completed the course and will receive a WU for the course, not an F.

CUNY Covid-19 Flexible Grading Policy. As you probably know, CUNY has issued a “flexible grading policy” which allows you to convert any letter grade (A-F) to either “credit” (CR) or “no credit” (NC) via an opt-in on CUNYfirst. Credit/no credit grades are excluded from your GPA. You will have until June 25 to apply for this conversion, which cannot be reversed. This conversion may impact financial aid, grad school admission, licensing, and other factors, so you should talk to an advisor first. For more information on this option, go to the link below.

Links

Final Exam page:

http://markbwilson.com/courses/OO/aw/week-by-week/OO_aw-final-exam.html

Grading page:

<http://markbwilson.com/courses/OO/aw/grades.php>

CUNY Covid-19 flexible grading information and procedure:

<https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/credit-no-credit-policy/student-information/>

Course videos playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvD-8VvhP-IOsnbO7uBTvGBw2so7CyVPS>