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Selected Topics: History 3707F
The Business of Wine
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Wine has met crucial social needs, and so has an important role in business and economic life. Those who take the course may expect to learn a great deal about the role of wine, through time, in fostering business activity and its attendant institutions, in terms of the organization of production, marketing, commerce, and the creation of demand. There will be plenty of examples. The student will gain an appreciation of the role of this alcoholic beverage in the development of social and economic life, internationally, regionally and locally, and at the same time become acquainted with broad trends in the history of business.

Students will not be expected to have any particular knowledge of wine and its delights, but will be expected to have taken at least one prior course in the history of business, or in European history.

The course is not intended to produce wine connoisseurs or oenophiles. Still, knowledge of the geography, the production processes, the kinds of grapes and wines, and associated information is necessary and integral to the course. There will naturally be opportunities to discuss grapes, vineyards, and the arcana of classifications and quality. The instructor may organize a non-mandatory tasting.

Course Requirements

Weekly readings

Tests 30%

(some of these will be taken directly from the end-of-chapter tests in Laloganes; one will be a short answer test on the lectures)

An essay (3000 words): 35%

A final exam: 35%

Students are expected to attend lectures regularly, as portions of the course material, as well as perspectives and analysis, will not be available in texts or readings. The instructor will have an expectation that members of the class will have good note-taking skills. While the lectures will be supported by outlines and illustrative material, these are not substitutes for taking notes. The instructor will be available at the end of each class to discuss matters; questions during class for purposes of clarification and understanding are strongly encouraged.

The texts: R. Phillips, *A short History of Wine* (London: Penguin, 2001) (in photocopy)
John P. Laloganes, *The Essentials of Wine* (NJ: Pearson, 2010) (supplemental)

Lecture Schedule

Week 1: Introduction – course basics

The Geography of the Vine

Why wine? – The social sources of demand

Week 2:

Origins: Making wine and trading wine in the Middle East

Readings:

Lalaganes, Preface and first half of Ch. 1, pp. vii-15

Phillips, Introduction

Week 3: Greece and Rome

Readings:

Virginia Grace, “Standard Pottery Containers of the Ancient Greek World,” *Hesperia Supplements*, vol. 8, 1949, pp. 175-189

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1353892?seq=2>

Lalaganes, Ch. 1, pp. 15-23 and end of chapter test

Phillips, Chapters 1 & 2

Week 4: Mediterranean wines and the “European” world

Readings:

Lalaganes, Ch. 3- pp. 42-53

Phillips, Ch. 2

Week 5: Wine under Challenge: beyond the fall of Rome and into the Middle Ages

Readings:

Lalaganes, Ch. 3, pp. 53-63 and end of chapter test

Phillips, Chapters 3 & 4

Week 6: Wine in the era of European consolidation

Readings:

Lalaganes, Chapter 9, pp.174-179

Phillips Ch.5

Week 7: European expansion and the world of wine

Readings:

Lalagones, Ch. 9, pp. 181 to end, end of chapter test
Phillips Ch. 6

Week 8: Test

Week 9: Emergence: the modern geography of wine

Readings:
Lalagones, Ch. 10 pp. 194-200
Phillips Ch. 7-8

Week 10: Disasters and Difficulties: 1860-1933

Readings:
Lalagones, Ch. 10 pp. 200-210, and end of chapter test
Phillips Ch. 9

Week 11: Science and Wine

Readings:
Lalagones, Chapter 7 and end of chapter test
Phillips Ch. 10

Week 12: Consumerism and Wine

Readings:
Lalagones, Ch. 4
Phillips Ch. 10

Week 13: Modern business organization: the example of wine

Readings: to be assigned

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Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

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All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

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In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

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If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Rebecca Dashford, Undergraduate Program Advisor, Department of History, 519-661-2111 x84962 or rdashfo@uwo.ca