

STANDARDIZED COURSE OUTLINE

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: HIS*G101

COURSE TITLE: Western Civilization I

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course is a survey of the cultural, social, economic, political, and religious development of the western world from the earliest river valley civilizations to the Columbian encounter with the New World.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

LAB HOURS PER WEEK (if applicable): 0

PREREQUISITE(S): ENG 043 (as applicable)

SECTION II

A. SCOPE: The general purpose of Western Civilization survey is to enlighten students to the complex network of events, patterns, forces, and interacting peoples and societies that led to the world of today. In achieving this purpose students will be armed with a context in which to understand why things happen as they do, an appreciation for differing cultures and value systems, as well as the ability to read and think more critically about historical interpretation.

B. REQUIRED WORK: To be determined by the instructor and described in the course syllabus.

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: Regular attendance and class participation are expected. Policies specific to the instructor should be outlined in the class syllabus.

D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: The methods of instruction are determined by each instructor and may include but are not limited to: lecture, class or group discussion, collaborative learning, readings/interpretation of primary and secondary sources, distance learning, student presentations, and use of technologies including audio-visual materials, computers, and maps.

E: OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, and ASSESSMENT: The following objectives and outcomes represent the department's core requirements for student achievement:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT METHODS
To demonstrate an understanding of:	Students will:	As measured by:
A basic outline of the development and evolution of western societies and civilizations	Identity and relate significant historical events, people, and phenomenon.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.
The development of institutions and how they shape societies over time.	Understand and identify institutional evolution, impact, and significance across cultures.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.
The development of North America and the United States within a global framework.	Develop a global perspective that recognizes U.S. development in a greater context.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.
Historical interpretation: the nature of history, the purpose of history, the place of history within western cultures, and how primary and secondary sources are used to construct historical accounts.	Develop critical thinking skills that will enhance the ability to increase information literacy and communicate effectively in writing.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.

F. TEXT(S) AND MATERIALS: To be determined by the instructor and described in the course syllabus.

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Access to audio-visual materials, computer-based presentations, and internet-based course management systems.