HIST 151 Western Civilizations to 1650

Course Information
Division: Humanities/Social Sciences
Contact Hours: 45
Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites
ENGL 090 and RDG 090 or qualifying score on accepted placement tests

Course Description
This course is a survey-level introduction to western civilizations, broadly construed so as to really examine the Mediterranean civilizations of the Paleolithic epoch in the ancient Near East and Egypt through to the Roman, Greek, Byzantine, and Medieval periods of history and ending with a study of the Renaissance and Reformation periods in Europe. The course emphasizes the connections and interrelations between these times and regions by viewing the Mediterranean Sea as a region of cultural, social, and economic exchanges through 1650.

This course is a satisfier course for the Global Studies Degree Designation. This course is approved as a C-6 General Education competency satisfier.

Students majoring in history should take both HIST 151 and HIST 152 in their freshman year. Non-majors may take either course, in any order or individually. HIST 151 is not a pre-requisite for HIST 152.

This course is approved as a General Education competency satisfier.

General Education Goal: Social and Cultural Awareness
Competency: Understanding the processes that influence human values, thoughts, social systems, and behavior
Learning Outcome: Students will examine the impact of social factors on personal beliefs, while considering alternatives to the dominant culture’s viewpoint.

General Education Learning Objectives
A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge attitudes and beliefs.
B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems.
C. Demonstrate knowledge of human diversity including characteristics of culture outside of the student’s own.
D. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one systematic method for obtaining knowledge about social influences according to a recognized social science discipline

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamental ideas and terminologies in western history, such as, but not limited to the major events, ideas, and material practices of cultures in the Mediterranean world-system.
   
   *Applies to General Education Objective*
   
   A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge attitudes and beliefs.
   B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems.

2. Understand the social, economic, and cultural systems peculiar to western civilizations and their complex interactions with one another in addition to their influence on the modern world.
   
   *Applies to General Education Objective*
   
   A. Recognize the processes by which individuals acquire social knowledge attitudes and beliefs.
   B. Recognize major influences on social behavior and social systems.
   C. Demonstrate knowledge of human diversity including characteristics of culture outside of the student’s own.
   D. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one systematic method for obtaining knowledge about social influences according to a recognized social science discipline.

3. Apply the range of skills, via historical methodology, it takes to decode the historical record because of its incomplete, complex, and contradictory nature.
   
   *Applies to General Education Objective*
   
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4). Create historical arguments and narratives that respond to important historiographical debates connected to the course, particularly within the context of the provisional nature of knowledge, the disciplinary preference for complexity, and the comfort with ambiguity that history requires.

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