

Master Syllabus

HIS 1112 - Western Civilization II

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: History

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

Major trends in the development of Western culture, emphasizing political, economic, social and cultural achievements from the seventeenth century to the present.

General Education Outcomes:

- ❑ Oral Communication
- ❑ Written Communication
- ❑ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ❑ Values/Citizenship/Community
- ❑ Computer Literacy
- ❑ Information Literacy

Course Outcomes:

Historical arguments

Articulate historical arguments in a variety of forms of communication.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Historical interpretations

Analyze and articulate diverse historical interpretations. Demonstrate knowledge of evolving historical interpretations of major eras and topics.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Historical events

Explain the causes, effects and relevance of specific historical events and/or periods within the broader historical context. Develop an understanding of the political, economic, social, and cultural achievements of Western Culture in the 17th to 21st centuries.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Historical concepts and approaches

Demonstrate understanding and application of basic historical concepts, and methodologies, major concepts in the social sciences and humanities that have influenced historical thinking, and historical background to the understanding of contemporary social, political, and economic issues and trends.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Analysis of texts

Apply critical thinking to analyze primary and secondary sources (i.e. historical analysis of text) Read and demonstrate understanding of scholarly historical monographs, biographies, and syntheses. Critically analyze primary source documents and use them to construct well-organized, well-argued historical accounts.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Outline:

Absolutism and constitutionalism
The Scientific Revolution
Eighteenth-century politics and economics
The Enlightenment
The Age of

Revolution in the Western World
The French Revolution and Napoleon
The Congress of Vienna and Metternich's Europe
Industrial Revolution
Liberalism and Nationalism
Marx and Marxism
Colonialism and imperialism
Nineteenth century social developments
World War I
The Versailles settlement
Russian Revolution
Europe and the world between the wars
Totalitarianism and the rise of Hitler and Stalin
World War II and the Holocaust
The Cold War
Towards European union
1989: The End of the Cold War and the Beginning of a New Europe
The West since the fall of Communism