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General Syllabus

HIST 1123 Civilizations of the World to 1500

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An introduction to major civilizations of the world to 1500. (ACTS: HIST 1113)

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Differentiate the major civilizations of the world to 1500.
2. Identify the key political and cultural figures of that period.
3. Describe the ways in which civilizations developed diverse economic, political, and social structures.
4. Describe the important differences between the major civilizations that led to conflict.
5. Describe the development of social institutions, economic philosophy, and new forms of governments.
6. Interpret the reasons why early civilizations have left an impact on the world.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon ethnic and cultural issues within early civilizations.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will participate in classroom lecture/discussion and written assignments.
Students will communicate proficiently.

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will analyze political, economic, cultural and military issues and how early civilizations dealt with the problems these issues raised.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Human history before writing
- B. Ancient Egypt
- C. Ancient Samaria
- D. Rise of mono and polytheism
- E. Hellenic and Hellenistic Greece
- F. The Roman Republic and Empire
- G. The Dark Ages
- H. Early Middle Ages
- I. Late Middle Ages
- J. Civilization in China
- K. Civilization on the Asian subcontinent
- L. Sub-Saharan African civilization
- M. European renaissance
- N. Islam

