

Course Syllabus

Department: Social Science

Date: March 2006

I. History 101 / HUM 101

3 credit hours, 3 contact hours:

Catalog Description: This course is a survey of selected major traditions, values, institutions, and ideas which have shaped Western civilization from the late Renaissance era (c. 1650) through the present. Topics include political revolution, industrial capitalism and socialism, social change war and peace, and recent developments within Europe and between Western and non-western nations.

II. Course Objectives and Outcomes:

The objective of the course is to provide a thorough understanding of important historical developments of Western civilization from circa 1600 to 2000.

Upon completion of this course, the student will develop:

- 1. a comprehension of important historical trends in Western societies/cultures from the late Renaissance through the present.**
- 2. the ability to see relationships between historical figures, periods, ideas, and events.**
- 3. the correct English grammar to write on historical subjects.**
- 4. and demonstrate the ability to analyze secondary literature in western civilization history.**

Relationship to Academic programs and curriculum:

This course serves as a SUNY required course in western civilization history, and fulfills a social science or humanities requirement.

College competencies addressed by the course:

Writing, reading, informational resources, oral communication, ethics, citizenship, and professional competency are the primary competencies addressed in this course.

III. Methods of Instruction

- **Types of course materials:** The textbook and other materials will be selected by the instructor and listed on the course outline.
- **Methods of instruction:** This course will be taught by lecture, discussion and presentation.
 - **Methods of Evaluation:** Students may be evaluated using quizzes, exams, research projects, term papers, and homework assignments.
- **Assessment measures:** Upon completion of this course students will have been assessed to measure their knowledge of major historical developments of western societies.

IV. General Outline of Topics covered

Absolutism and Constitutionalism

Stuart England: From James I to the Glorious Revolution

Bourbon France from Henry IV to Louis XIV

Absolutism in Eastern Europe: Habsburgs, Hohenzollerns & Romanovs

The Age of Reason and Enlightened Despotism

The Common Folk: Revolutions in Agriculture and Industry

18th Century Britain and the American Revolution

The Later Bourbons and the French Revolution

Age of Napoleon and the Congress of Vienna

Nationalism, Imperialism, and Nation Building

On the Road to War and Revolution: WW I and the Russian Revolution

Anxiety, Appeasement and Isolationism:

- **WW II, Democracy and Dictatorship**

Cold War Politics and Diplomacy

Revolution, Reunification and Rebuilding Today