Course Outline

Course Title: History of Western Civilization—Paleolithic to 1500
Semester Course Prefix and Number: HIST 1555
Old Quarter Course Prefix and Number: HIST 110 & 111
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Revision Date: May 2006

Number of Credits: 4
Number of Lecture Credits: 4
Number of Lab Credits: 4
Number of Lab Hours: 0
Number of Studio/Demonstration/Internship Credits: 0

Course Purpose Code:
0 – Developmental Courses
1 – Non-transferable
2 – Technical course related to career programs
3 – College course which has the primary goal of applying certain concepts (e.g. vocal ensemble)
4 – Other college course not considered a part of MNTC (e.g. computer science, health, physical education)
x 5 – Course which is intended to fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) requirements or intended for transfer.
9 – Continuing Education/Customized Training specialized credit course (not occurring in 0-5)

Catalog Description:
This course is designed to give an overview of events, societies, happenings, etc., that have had a significant impact on what is broadly referred to as the Western World. The first semester will cover from the Paleolithic era until the 1500’s AD.

Prerequisites and/or recommended entry skills/knowledge:
Course Prerequisite(s): None
Reading Prerequisite: Required CPT score of at least 72, recommend score of 72 or letter grade of “C” or better in READ 0082 (or previous READ 098)
Composition Prerequisite: None
Mathematics Prerequisite: None

Career Programs and Transfer Majors Accessing this Course

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal(s) partially met by this course if applicable:
(Notes: No more than two goals may be met by any one course. Curriculum Committee review and the Chief Academic Officer’s approval are required.)
0. None
1. Communications
2. Critical Thinking
3. Natural Sciences
4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
6. The Humanities and Fine Arts
7. Human Diversity
8. x Global Perspectives
9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility
10. People and the Environment
Learning Outcomes: (including any relevant competencies listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum)

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

- Employ the methods and data that historians and social behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition, based on the earliest recordation.
- Examine social institutions and process across a range of historical cultures and periods that once were accepted and now are questioned.
- Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
- Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
- Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

Student Assessment Methods:
Exams – essays, book report, research report, connections essay, group projects, class participation

Use of Instructional Technology: (includes software, interactive video and other instructional technologies): Internet research in various museum web sites, videos

Additional Special Information: (special fees, directives on hazardous materials, etc.)

Transfer Information: (Please list colleges/majors that accept this course in transfer.)

Course Outline Revision History:

Students will study the early history of mankind; the rise of the great civilizations of Sumeria, Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome; the history of the great Western religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam as well as the history of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Catholic and Anglican churches, and the Reformation; the Middle Ages; the Renaissance; the Age of Exploration, and the discovery of the Americans. This course will end in the 1500’s.

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