Warren County Community College

HIS 101 Western Civilization I

Course Master Syllabus

Course Information

Catalog Description: This course surveys Western Civilization from its beginnings to 1648. Major topics include ancient civilizations, Greece and Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Reformation.

Prerequisite(s):

Corequisite(s):

Credits: 3

Hours: 3

Required Text(s):

Supplemental Materials:

Instructor Information

Instructor's Name:

Contact Information:

Office Hours:

Program Goals

1. Analyze major historical events, ideas, and movements within their historical contexts and assess their lasting impact on societies past and present.
2. Evaluate and interpret primary and secondary sources to develop well-supported historical analyses and arguments.
3. Apply historical thinking skills to assess cause-and-effect relationships, continuity and change, and the complexity of historical narratives.
4. Construct and communicate well-reasoned historical arguments that connect past events to contemporary issues and global perspectives.
5. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills in presenting historical research and analysis.

Class Core Competencies

The following core competencies are embedded in this curriculum:

- Communicate effectively in both speech and writing
- Use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
- Use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens
- Understand historical events and movements in world, Western, non-Western, or American societies and assess their subsequent significance
- Understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples
- Understand ethical issues and situations.

Class Learning Assessment

Student Learning Outcomes	Suggested Means of Assessment
Students will be able to analyze major events, ideas, and developments and their context within history	Research essays, papers and/or presentations
Students will be able to formulate an argument about the impact of historical events, ideas, and developments on the modern world	In class or online discussions, exams, essays, free responses
Students will be able to evaluate primary and secondary sources critically	In class or out of class assignments, papers, exams or quizzes
Apply proper forms of citation in conducting research	Research essays, papers and/or presentations
Act ethically and with integrity for self and others in all course activities	Properly cite research papers, projects, attend class regularly, discuss and agree or disagree respectfully and constructively.

Grading System

Letter Grade	Percentage Range
A	90 to 100 percent
B Plus (B+)	87 to 89.9 percent
B	80 to 86.9 percent
C Plus (C+)	77 to 79.9 percent
C	70 to 76.9 percent
D	60 to 69.9 percent
F	Below 60 percent

College Information

Disability Services
Disability Services Webpage

Statement and Policy on Cheating, Plagiarism, and Academic Conduct
Academic Conduct Policy (Policy 304) [PDF]

Students are required to perform all the work specified by the instructor and are responsible for the content and integrity of all academic work submitted. A violation of academic integrity will occur if a student: (1) knowingly represents work of others as one's own, (2) uses or obtains unauthorized assistance in any academic work, (3) gives fraudulent assistance to another student, or (4) furnishes false information or other misuse of college documents.

Unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited unless the instructor explicitly permits it in the syllabus or assignments. If tools such as ChatGPT are permitted by an instructor to be used for an assignment, they should be used with caution and with proper citation. In all such cases, you may only use the specific tools identified as acceptable and you must adhere to the College's standards for attribution, validation, and transparency.

In cases of suspected violation of academic integrity, the incident is to be reported to the Office of Academics. A student found guilty of violating the rule of academic integrity by the Vice President of Academics will be considered to have failed in personal obligation to the College; such failure will be subject to disciplinary action by the College. Unless otherwise notified, the instructor will allow students who are pending disciplinary action to attend class.

Tutoring and Testing at the Instructional Support Center (ISC)

- Instructional Support Center (ISC) Webpage

WCCC Library Services

- WCCC Library Website

Citation Styles and Formatting

Work submitted for any Warren County Community College course must conform to the required formatting and citation style that are specified by the instructor. The Library and Instructional Support Center can assist students with formatting and citations for assignments and papers.

WCCC Attendance Expectations

The College expects students to attend and participate in all classes. This involves sharing discussions and lectures in class, as well as interacting with other students. Grades are based on the quality of work students complete in meeting the requirements for a particular course, as stated in the course syllabus and catalog description. Attendance, among other factors, may be an additional criterion for assigning grades. Students should realize that they are responsible for all class meetings and that work missed because of absences may affect their grades. Attendance in online classes is determined by the completion of assignments/ tests. Students who have not completed any assignments or tests will be considered non-attending and receive an NF grade in online classes.

Class Attendance Expectations

Topical Outline

- Prehistory and Early Civilizations
- The Bronze and Iron Ages
- Ancient Greece
- Hellenistic and Early Roman Eras
- Rome
- The Byzantine Empire and Islam
- The Early Middle Ages
- The High Middle Ages
- The Late Middle Ages
- The Renaissance
- The Protestant Reformation
- Absolutism and Exploration

Grading Methods

Assignment	Points/Percentage

Class Itinerary

Week / Unit	Topic	Readings/Assignments

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