

Prepared by the Department of Social Sciences

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1. **Course Number:** HIS160
Course Title: European History to 1600 CE
2. **Description:** This course provides a general overview of major topics of European History from ancient times up to 1600 Current Era (CE). Students focus on cultural, religious, political, and economic developments that formed the basis of modern European culture and society and influenced the Americas and other regions.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Identify and describe key events and trends in European History from antiquity to 1600 CE.
 - Examine the cultural achievements and social development of Prehistoric Europe, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and Medieval Europe and their influence upon the U.S. and other countries.
 - Identify recurrent social problems such as race, class and gender inequality.
 - Demonstrate knowledge of world geography.
 - Practice oral and written communication skills.
 - Analyze European history from different perspectives.
 - Construct coherent, evidence-based arguments and interpretations.
 - Utilize critical thinking skills to relate historical events of the European past to current world affairs.
 - Collect research data from primary and secondary sources and incorporate the information into a research paper using appropriate grammar and source citations.
 - Differentiate primary and secondary sources and the issues of bias in the construction of historical discourse.
 - Follow rules for civil discourse in course discussions that may involve conflicting points of view.
 - Develop appreciation for diverse forms of culture and religion.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisites:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades are based upon exams, written work, class participation, and attendance.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Prehistoric Europe and the First Europeans.
 - Ancient Greece from its origins to the classical age of Athens.
 - Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic world.
 - The rise and fall of the Roman republic and empire.
 - Post-Roman Europe and the Byzantine Empire.
 - The Middle Ages and Feudalism.
 - The art and culture of the Renaissance.
 - The Reformation and religious strife.
 - European relations with non-European peoples and cultures