

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE

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| HST | 105 | Great Ideas of World Civilizations | (3-0) | 3 |
| Course Prefix | Course Number | Course Title | Lec-Lab | Credit Hours |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduces students to a selection of formative historical and contemporary texts in a variety of disciplines, including philosophy, the social sciences, literature, gender/multicultural studies, and the history of science. (Also listed as HUM 105. Students who register for HST 105 may not register for HUM 105.)

TOPICAL OUTLINE

- I. Major Religious Traditions
- II. Philosophy and Rationalism
- III. The Scientific Revolution
- IV. Politics and Government
- V. Economics and Class
- VI. Feminism/Gender Studies
- VII. Multiculturalism and Human Rights

METHOD OF PRESENTATION

1. Lecture/discussion format with special emphasis on discussion
2. Occasional films and videos
3. Student presentations
4. Guest lectures

STUDENT OUTCOMES (The student should...)

1. recognize and identify selected key figures who have contributed significant ideas in various academic disciplines.
2. describe the fundamental elements of those ideas.
3. explain relationships among those figures and ideas in historical context and across the disciplines.
4. demonstrate the relationship of historical texts to contemporary issues and problems.
5. critically analyze the sources and effects of significant historical and contemporary texts.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

1. Two essay examinations (midterm and final)
2. Regular out-of-class writing assignments
3. At least one major research project (10+pages)
4. Quizzes
5. Oral or group presentations

TEXTBOOK

Jacobus, A World of Ideas, 7th ed., Worth, 2006.

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