

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** HIS 102

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** History of Western Civilization II

**Course Description:** Examines the development of western civilization from ancient times to the present. The first semester ends with the seventeenth century, and the second semester continues through modern times. History 101 and 102 need not be taken in sequence. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** (Who would benefit from taking this course?)

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Demonstrate an ability to select from the materials offered in this course, the relevant information needed to explain their own interpretation of a particular historical question;
- b. Develop an appreciation of the fact that their values are not necessarily the values of other peoples, and that their values are not necessarily better or worse than those held by other peoples in other places and times;
- c. Cultivate a sense of chronology; that is, students will know what followed what;
- d. Understand the impact that social institutions have on individuals and culture---past, present, and future;
- e. Understand that the history in their textbook is not an infallible or comprehensive account of the past, but merely the selected arguments and interpretations of certain authors;
- f. Present an historical argument in good written or oral form;
- g. Demonstrate knowledge of the significant political, economic, social, military, religious, cultural, and intellectual changes experienced by western man from his beginning to the seventeenth century;
- h. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided; and
- i. Reason by deduction, induction, and analogy.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. The Birth of Modern Science
- b. Absolutism and Revolution, 1648 to 1800
- c. The Napoleonic Era
- d. Romanticism and the Industrial Revolution
- e. Europe in Revolt in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- f. Rise of Germany and Italy as Modern Nation States
- g. Late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Imperialism and World War I
- h. The Post War Era, Depression and World War II
- i. The Post World War II Era

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