

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: HIS 111

Credits: 3

Course Title: History of World Civilization I

Course Description: Surveys Asian, African, Latin American, and European civilizations from the ancient period to the present. History 111 and 112 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 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;
- e. Present an historical argument in good written or oral form;
- f. Demonstrate knowledge of the significant political, economic, social, military, religious, cultural, and intellectual changes experienced by people from the earliest historical times to the seventeenth century;
- g. Understand the impact that social institutions have on individuals and culture—past, present, and future;
- h. Reason by deduction, induction, and analogy; and
- i. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Foundations of World Civilization
- b. The Greek Civilization
- c. The Romans
- d. Indian and Chinese Civilizations
- e. The Middle Ages and the shaping of world civilization, i.e., Islamic, Byzantine, and Western Civilizations
- f. The Renaissance
- g. The Protestant and Catholic Reformations
- h. Transition to Modern Times in Asia
- i. Emerging Civilization in Sub-Saharan Africa and the New World
- j. The Rise of Modern States to the Mid-Seventeenth Century

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