

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

Course Prefix and Number: HIS 281 **Credits:** 3

Course Title: Survey of the Humanities

Course Description:

Introduces the humanities through the art, literature, music, and philosophy of various cultures and historical periods. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

This course will serve as an introduction to the humanities, exploring the relationships between the disciplines of history, art, literature, film, music, and philosophy in the twentieth century. It will provide students an additional humanities elective.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Distinguish and describe artistic and philosophical movements existing across disciplines;
- Analyze and discuss varied literature;
- Recognize themes and techniques in modern art;
- Examine new artistic works with a historical and cultural perspective; and
- Assemble and evaluate source materials from appropriate electronic data bases.

Major Topics to Be Included:

The semester will be split into four units:

- Personal Journeys
- Discovering the Known
- Exploration
- Spiritual Journeys

All of the material covered will be based in the twentieth century; many cultures, movements, and artistic mediums will be explored.

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