

C-ID Descriptor

Western Civilization II

Descriptor Details

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General Description

Survey of the development of western culture and civilization from absolutism to the present.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

No information provided

Content

1. Absolutism
2. The Scientific Revolution
3. Enlightenment Era
4. The French Revolution and Napoleonic Era
5. Industrial Revolution
6. Reaction, Revolution and Romanticism

7. Nationalism and European Imperialism
8. World War I and the Russian Revolution
9. Interwar crises
10. World War II
11. Cold War and the Fall of Communism
12. Globalization and Contemporary Institutions

Lab Activities

No information provided

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to interpret primary and secondary sources and to compose an argument which uses them, as appropriate, for support.
2. Analyze the concept of the West.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of Western Civilization through multiple analytical categories such as race, class, gender and ethnicity.
4. Analyze the development and impact of political ideological trends in the western world.
5. Analyze the social and economic organization in the western world and explain their historical significance.
6. Explain the historical significance of major discoveries, inventions, and scientific achievements.
7. Explain the historical significance of cultural developments such as art, music, architecture, literature and religion.
8. Analyze the relevancy of history in today's world.

Evaluation Methods

Will include:

1. Written essays and/or research projects.
2. Essay exams.

Can also include:

1. Classroom discussions that include primary and secondary sources.
2. Objective exams.
3. Classroom projects and presentations.

Textbooks

Beatty, Heritage of Western Civilization
Coffin, Western Civilizations
Hause, Western Civilization
Hunt, The Making of the West
Kagan, Western Heritage
Kidner, Making Europe
Krishlansky, Civilization in the West
Noble, Western Civilization
Osborne, Civilization
Perry, Western Civilization
Sherman, Western Civilization
Spielvogel, Western Civilization