



# North Central Michigan College Master Course Syllabus

## **PART 1:**

Course Name: Survey of Early Western Civilization

Course Number: HST 231

Credit Hrs. 3          Lecture Hrs. 3          Lab Hrs. 0          Clinical Hrs. 0          Variable Hrs. 0

Total Hours of Instruction: 3          Total Contact Hours: 52.8  
(Total Contact hour's formula: (lecture hrs. + lab hrs. + clinical hrs) x 17.6)

### **Course Description:**

An examination of the foundations of Western culture. Origins are primarily traced from Egyptian and Mesopotamian beginnings to medieval Europe, through the 15th century. Cultural, social, economic and political activities are central themes of this analysis.

Prerequisite (s): None

Co-requisite (s): None

### **Course Objectives:**

- Describe the concept and elements of pre-history.
- Differentiate the processes of ancient societies by which their cultures became more civilized.
- Describe the significance of Greece and Rome in the establishment of early Western culture.
- Discuss the economic, political, and social progress of cultures becoming more modern.
- Analyze the fall of Rome and the medieval world's transition into the late Middle Ages.
- Recognize the importance of the relationship between geography and history.
- Write a short research paper concerning an aspect of Western civilization through the 14<sup>th</sup> century.
- Describe the significance of military conflict.
- Explain the impact of technology on European history.

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## **PART 2:**

### **Course Objectives and Linked Lumina DQP Outcomes**

See **PART 3** of this syllabus for the complete language of each Lumina DQP outcome.

*Please identify the Lumina DQP outcome(s) supported by the course objectives. List each course objectives (from **PART 1**), followed by the corresponding Lumina DQP Outcome number(s) in parentheses.*

- Describe the concept and elements of pre-history. (DQP 2, 4, 8)
- Differentiate the processes of ancient societies by which their cultures became more civilized. (DQP 4)
- Describe the significance of Greece and Rome in the establishment of early Western culture. (DQP 7, 12)
- Discuss the economic, political, and social progress of cultures becoming more modern. (DQP 2, 4, 8)
- Analyze the fall of Rome and the medieval world's transition into the late Middle Ages. (DQP 2,4,8)
- Recognize the importance of the relationship between geography and history. (DQP 7, 10)
- Write a short research paper concerning an aspect of Western civilization through the 14<sup>th</sup> century. (DQP 1, 4, 14)
- Describe the significance of military conflict. (DQP 5, 7)
- Explain the impact of technology on European history. (DQP 9)



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## **Suggested Methods of Instruction:**

Lecture/Discussion/Videos/Handouts

## **Suggested Methods of Assessment and Evaluation:**

May include: research paper, exams, class participation, quizzes, and tests (short answer/essay).

## **Adopted Text at Time of Course Adoption/Revision:**

Recommended texts:

Spielvogel, Jackson J. *Western Civilization: Volume 2*. 10th Edition. Cengage Learning, 2017.

**Optional Material:** Readings/Handouts, and Videos

## **Topics Covered During the Semester:**

*Sequence of topics and time allowance are at the discretion of the instructor*

- Week 1: The Ancient Near East: The First Civilizations
- Week 2: The Ancient Near East: Peoples and Empires
- Week 3: Civilization of the Greeks
- Week 4: The Hellenistic World
- Week 5: The Roman Republic
- Week 6: The Roman Empire
- Week 7: Late Antiquity and the Emergence of the Medieval World
- Week 8: European Civilization in the early middle ages, 750-1000
- Week 9: The Recovery and Growth of European Society in the High Middle Ages
- Week 10: The Rise of Kingdoms and the Growth of Church Power
- Week 11: The Later Middle Ages: Crises and Disintegration the Fourteenth Century
- Week 12: Recovery and Rebirth the Age of the Renaissance
- Week 13: Continuation of Recovery and Rebirth the Age of the Renaissance
- Week 14: Reformation and Religious Warfare in the Sixteenth Century
- Week 15: Continuation of Reformation and Religious Warfare in the Sixteenth Century
- Week 16: Final

Part 1 & Part 2 approved by CRDAP on:

Part 2 approved by AD:

Part 2 approved by CRDAP Chair:

Date:

Date:

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