

HUM300 Humanistic Traditions in the West

3rd and 4th quarters, Senior

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Style of Class	Lecture
Number of Credits	2
Day and Period	To be advised

Course Description

HUM 300 offers a survey of the rich cultural and intellectual traditions of the western world. What do we mean by “west” and how has it developed? Students will explore aspects of the history of the west. *HUM 300* focuses on developments in technology, politics, religion, culture, and society, especially. Time will be given to compare and contrast western traditions with other rich traditions of the world.

HUM 300 is a required course for students following the global approach. Ideally, they will take this course upon completion of their study abroad requirement so as to contribute experiential knowledge to classroom discussions and writing assignments.

Course Objectives

Students will be:

- familiar with significant historical developments in the west through acquiring factual knowledge
- able to identify the causes and effects of major historical, cultural, and social events
- able to analyze, interpret, and evaluate textual and graphic historical materials
- able to distinguish the significant from the insignificant
- able to reach conclusions and develop critical thinking based on facts

Class Materials

To be decided.

Evaluation/Assessment

Students will be assessed in multiple ways. There will be periodic **reading reviews** (quizzes) to assess students’ understanding of written texts. In addition, students will write periodic **reflection essays** to share insights and to raise questions regarding topics of personal interest throughout the course.

reading reviews 30%

reflection essays 70%

Course Schedule

Week 1 Introduction.

Week 2 How to define “west”

Week 3 Strand 1: political traditions

Week 4 Strand 2: cultural traditions

Week 5 Strand 3: linguistic traditions

Week 6 Strand 4: religious traditions

Week 7 Review

Week 8 Period study, part1

Week 9 Period study, part2

Week 10 Period study, part3

Week 11 Key moment #1

Week 12 Key moment #2

Week 13 Key moment #3

Week 14 Key moment #4

Week 15 Key moment #5

Week 16 Course Review; Course Evaluations (End of Quarter 2)

Preparation and Follow-up

- Preparation: Read the relevant portions of the reference materials (about one hour)
- Follow-up: Review the content of the lecture and note any points you are not sure of (about one hour)