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General Syllabus

HIST 31133 The Ancient Mediterranean World

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: HIST 11103 Civilizations of the World to 1500

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The study of the ancient Mediterranean cultures of Egypt, the Middle East, and Greece to the Roman conquests.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the origins of western civilization from the foundations of ancient Egypt, the Middle East, and Greece.
2. Relate the importance of the cultural contributions of ancient western civilizations to the modern western world.
3. Explain the intellectual, political, and artistic links that form the bases of modern western thought and expression.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The formation of ancient Egyptian civilization
- B. The formation of ancient Mesopotamian civilizations
- C. The rise of Egyptian dynastic kingdoms
- D. The rise of Near Eastern Empires—Hittite, Assyrian, Babylonian
- E. Israel and Judea
- F. Minoan, Mycenaean, and Phoenician civilizations
- G. Development of the Greek civilization from the Age of Homer
- H. Life in Archaic Greece
- I. The rise of the city states—Athens and Sparta
- J. Classical Greece—fourth and fifth centuries B.C.
- K. The Hellenistic world of Alexander the Great