HUMN 1H: HONORS CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD

Foothill College Course Outline of Record

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Student Learning Outcomes

- Synthesize critical thinking, imaginative, cooperative and empathetic abilities as whole persons in order to contextualize knowledge and make meaning.
- Explain how the ideas and values of classical Greek culture are manifested in the artistic creations of the time.
- Explain how the art and architecture of Teotihuacan functioned to record cosmological narratives.

Description

An interdisciplinary and thematic approach to the history of human culture and ideas. Major areas covered include Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, China's Han and Tang Dynasties, India's Indus Valley Civilization, the Olmec Civilization of Meso-America, Ancient Greece, and Ancient Rome, as well as the flowering of world religions. As an honors course, this is a full seminar with advanced teaching methods focusing on major writing, reading, and research assignments, student class presentations, group discussions and interactions.

Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

a. Engage in critical, creative, and independent thinking
b. Stimulate curiosity about intellectual and artistic life
c. Broaden perspectives on the diversity and dilemmas of human experience and knowledge
d. Apply critical approaches to the analysis of various modes of cultural production in relation to the political, economic, social, and religious context of the time
e. Explain the relationship between art, social organization, and political institutions in both Western and non-Western contexts
f. Use diverse historical periods and cultural traditions as a framework for a more complex understanding of the contemporary world
g. Analyze cultural production as both instruments of social control and ideological change
h. Develop the habit of learning and responding to new ideas and challenges
i. Think through moral and ethical problems and examine one's own assumptions
j. Improve both oral and written communication, especially through critical reading and analysis

Course Content

a. The peopling of the world
   i. Africa: origins of mankind
   ii. Paleolithic art
   iii. Neolithic Revolution
b. Early river valley civilizations
   i. Mesopotamia
   ii. Egypt
c. Mesoamerica
   i. Mexico
   ii. Peru
d. The Greek world
   i. Early Greece
   ii. Classical Greece
   iii. Hellenistic period
e. The Roman Empire
   i. Etruscans
   ii. Republican and imperial Rome
f. Ancient civilization of India and China
   i. The Gupta Empire
   ii. The Han and Tang Dynasties
g. The flowering of world religion
   i. Judaism
   ii. Christianity
   iii. Islam
   iv. Hinduism
   v. Buddhism

Lab Content

Not applicable.

Special Facilities and/or Equipment

When taught as an online section, students and faculty need ongoing and continuous internet and email access.

Method(s) of Evaluation

Methods of Evaluation may include but are not limited to the following:

- Systematic and continuous participation in the course
- Three or more one-page response papers
- Development of research project related to the ancient world
- Demonstration of critical, analytical research and writing skills
- Final examination
Method(s) of Instruction

Methods of Instruction may include but are not limited to the following:

Lecture
Discussion
Cooperative learning exercises
Oral presentations

Representative Text(s) and Other Materials


Although this text is older than the suggested "5 years or newer" standard, it remains a seminal text in this area of study.

Excerpts from primary texts, such as:
The Egyptian Creation Myth
The Enuma Elish (Mesopotamian Creation Myth)
Gilgamesh
Homer, The Iliad
Homer, The Odyssey
Sappho's Poetry
Sophocles, Oedipus Rex
Plato, The Apology of Socrates
Aristotle, Nichomachean Ethics and or Republic
Virgil, Aeneid
Aurelius, Marcus, The Meditations
The Hebrew Bible
The New Testament
The Qur'an
Buddha, The Four Noble Truths

Note: The texts listed above are classics that are no longer under copyright protection and thus freely available on the internet, in various anthologies and countless editions.

Types and/or Examples of Required Reading, Writing, and Outside of Class Assignments

a. Philosophical and literary critical readings (15-50 pages) designed to familiarize students with ongoing debates and perspectives related to the intersection of religion, culture, and politics
b. Bi-weekly 1-3 page essays requiring summary, interpretation, analysis, and synthesis of both original and secondary texts

Discipline(s)

Humanities