

GENA2112 Characteristics of Western Culture

2019/2020 (2nd Term)

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F8-9 (3:30-5:15pm) at NAH213

This course will introduce students to some of the themes and characteristics of western culture, such as: aspects on religion, philosophy, politics, and society.

- 1. Jan. 10, 2020 Introduction/Ancient Greek Mythology**
- 2. Jan. 17 Ancient Greek Philosophy**
- 3. Jan. 24 HOLIDAY**
- 4. Jan. 31 Ancient Greek *polis* & Democracy**
- 4. Feb. 7 The Rise of Christianity**
- 5. Feb. 14 The Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire**
- 6. Feb. 21 Medieval Islam**
- 7. Feb. 28 Medieval Feudalism**
- 8. Mar. 6 Medieval Papacy versus Empire**
- 9. Mar. 13 *Magna Carta* & the Liberal Tradition of England**
- 10. Mar. 20 Mid-term Quiz (50%)**
- 11. Mar. 27 Renaissance, Reformation, & Scientific Revolution as Reaction to the Age of Faith**
- 12. Apr. 3 Thesis, Antithesis, & Synthesis: Age of Faith, Age of Reason, & French Revolution**
- 13. Apr. 10 HOLIDAY**
- 13. Apr. 17 Modern Europe & "The Political Collapse of Europe" & Overall Review**

TO BE ARRANGED: FINAL EXAM. (50%)

Assessment Method:

Mid-term Quiz 50%

Final Exam. 50%

References:

Hollister, C. Warren.

Roots of the Western Tradition

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Medieval Europe

Palmer, R.R. & Colton, J.

A History of the Modern World

Holborn, Hajo.

The Political Collapse of Europe

Keywords: western culture, European history

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to

- 1. describe characteristics of western culture, in terms of religion, philosophy, politics and society;**
- 2. identify important events in cultural development of the world;**
- 3. evaluate critically current issues in the western world on the basis of cultural development.**