

**GENA2112 Characteristics of Western Culture
2022/2023 (2nd Term)**

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F8-9 (3:30-5:15pm) 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. 13, 2023 Introduction/Ancient Greek Mythology**
- 2. Jan. 20 Ancient Greek Philosophy**
- Jan. 27 HOLIDAY**
- 3. Feb. 3 Ancient Greek *polis* & Democracy**
- 4. Feb. 10 The Rise of Christianity**
- 5. Feb. 17 The Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire**
- 6. Feb. 24 Medieval Islam + Medieval Feudalism**
- 7. Mar. 3 Medieval Papacy vs Empire + Medieval England**
- Mar. 10 Reading Week**
- 8. Mar. 17 Mid-term Quiz (50%)**
- 9. Mar. 24 Renaissance, Reformation, & Scientific Revolution
as Reaction to the Age of Faith**
- 10. Mar. 31 Age of Faith, Age of Reason, & French Revolution**
- 11. Apr. 7 US History**
- 12. Apr. 14 HOLIDAY**
- 13. Apr. 21 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.	<i>Roots of the Western Tradition</i>
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Palmer, R.R. & Colton, J.	<i>A History of the Modern World</i>
Holborn, Hajo.	<i>The Political Collapse of Europe</i>

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張學明 《人物 西洋小史》 香港: 商務, 2021.

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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.**