

Humanities I: Ancient & Medieval Western Culture

Course Code: HIST1011

Course Description

This course examines the evolution of seminal ideas of enduring significance for Western civilization. Students trace ideas about religion, philosophy, politics, economics, technology and aesthetics from classical Greece through Roman civilization to the Christian and Muslim cultures of the Middle Ages. Students are encouraged to draw parallels between the early forms of these ideas and their expression in current society. Credits: 3

Course Requirements

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

Required Texts and Course Materials

- Jackson J. Spielvogel, *Western Civilization, 10th edition. Volume A: To 1500* (Cengage Learning, 2018). Note: You will need to **purchase this textbook** from an online vendor.
- "The Epic of Gilgamesh" is provided for you as a PDF file; you do not need to purchase a copy.
- Additional materials, as required to illustrate a topic, are also provided by the instructor.
- Students should have a notebook/binder for this class, with suggested sections for Class Notes, supplementary Readings, completed Homework assignments, Study Guides, and completed Tests.

Course Objectives

The skills focus will be on areas of advanced study strategies, critical thinking, and writing that students need to prepare for upper-division courses. These skills/goals will include:

- Discussing and analyzing the major trends of Western history
- Defining and using key terms related to Western history
- Developing an awareness of the philosophy, literature and art derived from Western civilization and its relation to our lives
- Learning how historians work and to practice thinking historically
- Improving one's reading, writing, and speaking skills, study skills, and working cooperatively with others
- Preparing to improve one's test-taking skills through multiple choice, written ID/significance and short answers, and essay questions
- Using a reading and writing process to craft well-planned and well-written academic essays, including the use of citation in the Chicago Style

Course Topics

- Overview of Early Humans
- Ancient Egypt
- The ancient Near East and the Hebrews
- The Epic of Gilgamesh
- Development of Greek Civilization

- Greek Thought/Philosophy
- Greek Arts & Architecture
- Hellenism, Hellenic philosophy & drama
- The Roman Republic
- The Roman Empire
- Judaism and The Rise of Christianity
- The Fall of Rome
- Early Medieval Europe, east and west
- Islam and Islamic Art/Architecture

Technical Requirements and Skills

Participating in online classes at Landmark College requires the minimum technical recommendations and skills:

Technical Requirements

A productivity suite such as Microsoft Office, Microsoft Office 365, Google Workspace (formerly G-Suite), or Open Office is recommended and may be required for some Landmark College Online courses. Students also need the ability to access Landmark College's online course content through a web browser running on a desktop or laptop computer with a webcam. An audio headset is recommended, but not required. All popular browsers are supported, but Landmark College recommends Chrome or Firefox.

Landmark College Online Dual Enrollment courses are optimally experienced through a full-featured web browser running on a desktop or laptop computer running Microsoft Windows or Apple Mac OS. Mobile phones and tablets may not be adequate or appropriate for completing certain aspects of your course work. However, when your laptop or desktop equipment is not available you can still access your courses through a mobile web browser such as Chrome or Safari. This allows you to keep up with your assignments, calendar, to-do list, and Inbox even when traveling. (The mobile app called "Canvas Student" is not compatible with our courses and should be avoided.)

If students access courses from school networks that use content filtering systems, which block access to public sites such as YouTube and Vimeo, students may have issues completing their assignments.

Skills for Success

To succeed in an online class, you should have the ability to:

- Navigate the WWW, including downloading and reading files from web sites;
- Download and install software or plug-ins such as Adobe Reader or Flash;
- Use the Learning Management System (Canvas) and be able to upload videos, files, and other materials as necessary. More about Canvas can be found in the Canvas Overview course located on your dashboard;
- Save files in commonly used word processing formats (.doc, .docx, .rtf);
- Copy and paste text and other items on a computer;
- Save and retrieve documents and files on your computer; and
- Locate information on the internet using search engines.

Course Assessments and Grading

Your final grade for this class will be calculated using the following weights for each type of activity:

40%	Portfolio Checks and Final Portfolio Project
20%	Knowledge Check Quizzes
20%	Discussions
15%	Participation/Group work
5%	Gilgamesh Paper

Letter Grades

Letter Grades will be assigned as follows:

A	100-93
A-	92-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
F	59 and below

Homework Policy

Assignments are directly correlated to the learning taking place at the time. In addition, the course goals and objectives include a focus on maintaining an effective organization system to manage course materials, support assignment completion, and enhance participation in course discussions, quizzes, and tests. Therefore, established due dates will be strictly adhered to throughout the semester. If you find yourself challenged with an assignment, contact your instructor before the due date to discuss an Action Plan.

Accommodations Policy

"Given the unique mission of Landmark College, many academic accommodations that might be customary or required at traditional institutions would not be appropriate at Landmark, because they would alter the College's academic program."

If you need individual accommodations to meet course objectives, please make an appointment with your professor to discuss your needs within the two weeks of the semester.

To view the full accommodations policy for Landmark College please visit:

<https://www.landmark.edu/student-life/our-community/request-for-accommodations>.