Course Title: Western Traditions

Course Number: History 101 04 05

Section Times/Days: TR 9:25-10:40 TR 10:50-12:05

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Course Description:
This course provides a thematic overview of the history of Western Traditions from 1500 to the present. Social, cultural, political, and economic history will be examined within a chronological framework. Some of the major themes to be addressed include: the changing nature of the state; the changing nature of the economy and work; the evolution of women’s position and status in European society; the manner in which racial, ethnic, and cultural differences have been determined and acted upon; the evolution of religious and scientific thought; the causes and impact of war/revolution on European society.

Student Learning Outcomes:
An understanding of the general history of the West (1500-1789); insights into the methodology as well as the challenges integral to historical study; the ability to analyze specific pieces of historical information; the ability to think and write critically about the broad themes of the Western Tradition.

Prerequisites/Recommended Background:
None

Required Texts/References:
Bridenthal, *Becoming Visible: Women in European History*
Wiesner, *Discovering the Western Past: A Look at the Evidence: Volume II Since 1500*
Knoebel, *Classics of Western Thought: The Modern World*

Course Work:
Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Essay Assignment
Discussion Participation
Quizzes & Small Group Work