

North Hennepin Community College

HIST 1130: History of the Medieval West

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course examines the development of the three major Western cultures that emerged during the Middle Ages: Western Europe, Byzantium, and Islam. Specific emphasis will be given to the interactions between these three cultures, both positive and negative. Students are expected to gain a working knowledge of the history of the period, as well as begin to develop the skills necessary to analyze documents as historical evidence, and to present a historical argument.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/12/2006 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. A general survey of the history of Western Civilizations during the Middle Ages, covering social, political, economic and cultural aspects.
2. Topics may include: Transformation of Roman Empire (4th century), Shattering of Mediterranean Unity (5th century), Justinians Reconquest (6th century), development of Byzantium, Rise of Islam through the Umayyad dynasty, Germanic Successor Kingdoms, Emergence of Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox faiths, Early Medieval Renewal (Carolingian, Macedonian and Islamic Renaissances), Viking Explorations, Schism and Crusades, 12th Century Renaissances in W. Europe, Byzantium, and Islam, Collapse and Chaos in Late Middle Ages, Role of Venice in Late Medieval Economic Systems, Reconquista in Spain

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Gain a working knowledge of the different historical periods and cultures of medieval Western civilizations (MnTC G5 competency a, b; MnTC G8 competency a, b; ELO 1, 3)
2. Develop the skills necessary to analyze evidence as a historian (MnTC G2 competency a, b, c, d; MnTC G5 competency a; ELO 2, 3, 4)
3. Learn how to read and interpret Primary Source Documents (MnTC G2 competency a, b, c, d; MnTC G5 competency a, b; MnTC G8 competency a; ELO 1, 2, 3)
4. Learn how to organize and think critically about course material (MnTC G2 competency a, b, c, d; MnTC G5 competency c; MnTC G8 competency a, c; ELO 2, 3, 4)
5. Learn how to communicate through oral and written discourse (MnTC G1 competency a, c, e, g; MnTC G2 competency b, c, d; MnTC G5 competency a, c; MnTC G8 competency a, b, c; ELO 2, 3, 4)

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World--Through study in the sciences, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages, the arts, technology and professions.
2. Intellectual and Practical Skills--Including: Inquiry and analysis; Critical and creative thinking; Written and oral communication; Quantitative literacy; Information literacy; Teamwork and problem solving.
3. Personal and Social Responsibility and Engagement--Including: Civic knowledge and involvement--campus, local and global; Intercultural knowledge and competence; Ethical reasoning and action; Foundations and skills for lifelong learning.
4. Integrative and Applied Learning--Including: Synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general education, liberal studies, specialized studies and activities in the broader campus community.