COURSE SYLLABUS

Valencia College-Fall/Spring Terms 17-18: CNR

HUM: 1020-Introduction to Humanities

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Keeping in Touch: all communication will be done through Blackboard, expect a 48 hours reply time.

Office Hours: By app. Before class and the last 15 minutes of class.

Course Information:

Contact: Blackboard and before or after class.

Time: T/TR-Fri. A.M. Building - Room\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Course Description:

 This course will look at the dominant intellectual and artistic concepts expressed by mankind in many eras. The Gordon Rule does not apply for this class. The objective of this course is to familiarize the student with the concepts and themes from these time periods. Key players and ideas will be examined. 3hours-3 credits.

Prerequisite(s): Knowledge of the English writing style (MLA), essays and/or researched type of paper using MLA is not a requirement, but basic writing knowledge is helpful.

REQUIRED TEXT : Fiero, Gloria K.: Landmarks in Humanities, McGraw –Hill-Higher Education, 2013-ISBN

Refund of Fees-Seen Student Handbook

Students will:

 \*Have the opportunity to THINK and discuss different viewpoints from different cultures.

 \*COMMUNICATE verbally and in writing their understanding of the course material concepts

 and ideas.

 \*VALUE the different way ancient cultures constructed and viewed the world and how those

 ways affect us today.

 \*ACT by making decisions based on their understanding of the philosophical and artistic

 expressions that reflect the customs and beliefs of the people that developed them and

 and how we respond and express them today.

Evaluation(s): Your course grade will be processed in the following manor. Your assignments are worth 100 points each (all assignments have the same weight). Tests are worth 100 points each. All graded assignments and tests are added together and then divided by the number of assignments and tests to give you your final grade. Please keep in mind I do not round up the grades at any time in the grading procedure. Your grades will be based upon the following grading scale:

 GRADING SCALE: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, Below 60=F

 To get an “A” you must have a 90 or better on assignments and tests.

Assignments and tests together give you 700 points.

 2- Written Tests @ 100 points each=200 points 2-Term Tests @ 100 points each=200 points

 1-Group Presentation 2 parts –Individual work and Group presentation @ 100 points each

 1 Individual Oral Presentation @ 100 points=100 points Total 700 points

 There will be no oral make-ups, orals are completed by the last oral date.

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Final Exam: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Place: Blackboard

 You will receive your grade based upon assignments and tests completed. The FINAL is offered to you on the date(s), time and the place shown above. Failure to complete a majority of the class assignments and tests and a final will give you a failing grade (F) for this class.

Make-up Policy: The make-up date for tests only-see course calendar. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 There will be no make-ups for any of the written portions of class assignments.

Extra Credit: There is no extra credit under any circumstances.

Attendance/Tardy Policy-Expectations:

 It is the students’ responsibility to sign the SIGN-IN SHEET each day in class. Failure to do so means you were not in class and this will have an effect on your final grade. Attendance during oral presentations is required out of respect for the hard work your classmates put into their presentations.

Five points will be deducted from your final grade. Participation means you are present in class, prepared for discussions, and being attentive while others speak. Your final will contain questions based on the orals. If you need to leave class early let me know, sit by the door and quietly leave. If you leave to take a phone call during class, please take your books with you. You will be absent for the day, this type of behavior can affect you final grade. Return the next class. During tests you cannot leave the classroom, if your do, take your books and leave. I will collect your test as finished.

Expectations: Be on time and prepared for class by looking at the calendar for assigned reading for the day. Being tardy is a bad habit to get into you can miss important information or verbal changes to an assignment or test you grade will be affected.

 It is your responsibility to withdraw yourself from the class- check your student handbook. I do not withdraw a student from class unless the COLLEGE requests it.

Withdrawal date and college policy: Withdrawal before this date, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a student will receive a grade of “W”. A student is not permitted to withdraw from the class after the withdrawal date: if you stay after the withdrawal date, you can receive a grade of A, B, C, D F, or I. I do not give “I”. Failure to do class work or make-ups during the semester will give you and “F” for the course. Any, student withdrawing from this class during a third or subsequent attempt in the course will be given and “F” grade.

Disclaimer: “I, the professor will not withdraw any student form the class for any reason: It is the students responsibility to do so before the withdraw date and to be aware of the date. Withdrawing can create financial problems for you with scholarships and financial aid. Think twice. I do not round up grades in the course at any time.

Keeping Financial Aid:

1. Complete 67% of attempted classes
2. Maintain GPA of 2.0 or higher at the college
3. Keep a GPA of 2.0 or better over all
4. Complete your degree within 150% of the time frame

Faculty/Student Communication: Blackboard will be used for all communication. Expect a 2 day turn around for a reply during college hours. Check Blackboard often for announcements. If you have a

problem see me. I will be as helpful as I can to get what kind of help you need. If I cannot help you to

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 your satisfaction the dean is available for a discussion. We will work together to solve your problem.

Honesty Statement: See Blackboard under Syllabus

 Each student is required to follow the COLLEGE policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by a student is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states “group project”.

Classroom Policies:

1. All written work must be turned into the professor in class stapled together on the due date given. Hard copies only. I do not take e-mailed work (unless stated).The work will be considered late and will lose one full grade.
2. Late work (after class ends on the due date) will lose on full grade. Late work starts at 89 points.
3. Tests: This is college I do not review for test I will answer questions.
4. Please take note: There will be no use of the following- Bing, Google, or Wikipedia search engines allowed for written work. Also do not use .org, .com, .net, etc. These will cost 10 points off your work.
5. You have one week to complete written work, ex. research paper, after one week from due date papers will not be accepted and a zero will be assigned.
6. Honesty in the classroom-See Blackboard.
7. Participation: Students will from time to time work in teams or groups and be expected to take part in classroom discussions as well as inside their teams or groups, please respect the rights and opinions of others and respond after they have finished talking.
8. Power-point use: Assignments need to be on time in order to receive the best grade possible, make sure your computer and the colleges work together. If for whatever reason they are incompatible and cannot be read or retrieved or scrambled your work will be late and not accepted for grading at that time. A zero will be given until the problem is fixed, and the late policy will apply.
9. You need to be happy with your grade, so keep all graded papers returned to you until you are satisfied with your grade. If you do not feel your grade is correct and you come to see me you will be asked to bring all of your graded tests and written assignments with you for the grade discussion. I cannot change a grade if you cannot produce your work for the course. If papers are not picked up by the last day of class (does not include final week) they are not kept by the instructor.

Classroom Conduct;

1. Turn off all phones, put them out of sight. On buzz for emergency personal.
2. No recording devices allowed of any kind, unless the COLLEGE states the student needs these devices.
3. No taking pictures of my lecture notes by phone or any other device is allowed.
4. Stay in class until dismissed.
5. Please be respectful of the opinions of others.
6. Should you need more time for test taking due to medical reasons let me know by the second week. Accommodations Office-West campus -SSB, Rm. 102 Phone-407-582-1523
7. BayCare Behavioral Health’s Student Assistance Program-1-800-878-5470 Private Counseling

Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the calendar and/or syllabus when needed. Notification will be through Blackboard, in writing or verbal in class.