

# HUM 1020: Introduction to Humanities

## Valencia College - Fall 2021

### Professor and Contact Information

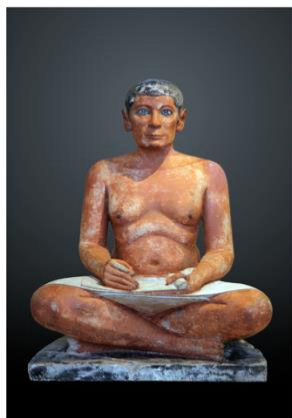
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### Course Format – Mixed Mode

Your course content will be delivered through our Canvas classroom, and we will meet in person on Thursday, 2:30-3:45PM at Valencia College's East Campus (Building 1, Room 326).



*Seated Scribe*  
Old Kingdom Egypt  
c. 2450–2325 BCE.



*St. Matthew the Evangelist*  
Medieval Europe  
c. 825-850 CE.



*Denis Diderot* by Carle van Loo  
Enlightenment France  
1767.



*Amanda Gorman*  
United States  
c. 2020.

### Course Description

In this course, we will explore the development of culture, or the sum of those things created and transmitted by humankind. The images you see above represent different cultures over many centuries, each with their own unique societies, styles, and beliefs – but the people depicted in each image share the same purpose: they are in the process of creating a material record of the ideas and experiences of their time. By the semester's end, you will have gained the tools needed to analyze evidence from any period and understand something of that culture.

HUM 1020 offers a basic introduction to Humanities that focuses on central concepts, historical developments, and the fundamental nature of philosophy, architecture, music, religion, and art. Concepts from these disciplines will be integrated with contemporary American culture. The course will focus on the following Western cultural periods: Classical Greece, Republican and Imperial Rome, Renaissance, Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment, Romantic Period, and Early Modern Period.

There is no prerequisite for this course. It is not a Gordon Rule writing course and therefore will not satisfy the Gordon Rule requirements of the State Board of Education, Rule 6A-10.30.

### Course Objectives

- Acknowledge the diverse traditions of the world and understand an individual's place in it.
- Demonstrate awareness of personal responsibility in one's civic, social, and academic life.
- Analyze, evaluate, synthesize, and apply information and ideas from diverse sources and disciplines.
- Uphold the [Valencia Student Core Competencies](#): (1) think clearly, critically, and creatively, analyze, synthesize, integrate and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry; (2) make reasoned value judgments and responsible commitments; (3) act purposefully, effectively, and responsibly; (4) communicate with different audiences using varied means.

### Tools for the Course

- Required Text: Gloria Fiero, *Landmarks in Humanities* (5th ed.; Valencia custom edition)
- Articles: In some weeks I will assign additional reading to facilitate your textbook reading and our classroom discussions. These will be made available to you via Canvas and in the classroom.

### Useful Resources

- [ArchiveGrid](#) - A database of archived materials from public and private collections from all over the world. You can access the full database from the [Valencia College Library Databases](#).
- [Oxford Bibliographies](#) - A database of annotated bibliographies that will be useful for research.

### Course Policies

This course provides opportunities for students to demonstrate college-level-writing skills per the State Board of Education Rules as implemented at Valencia College. Students are expected to demonstrate writing proficiency in all assignments and written correspondence.

### Coursework

An "A" in the course can be achieved with 6-8 hours per week of focused engagement with your coursework. For an overview of weekly assignments, see the Course Calendar (p. 4).

Your coursework consists of reading, video lectures, discussions, a term paper, and exams. You will take a weekly quiz on the reading assignment on Canvas. Discussions are designed to help you master the content, facilitate exchange, and prepare for the exams. In addition to general discussion, some activities and assignments that take place on Thursday discussions can include debates, short writing prompts, and group presentations. Our meetings encourage you to think critically about the material we cover in lecture, and to increase your acuity in analyzing and synthesizing information from diverse sources.

You will take three exams for this class, which take place on Canvas. They will be timed and include both multiple-choice and written response questions. The exams are designed to test your knowledge on the vocabulary, concepts, and ideas covered in your reading and in lectures. Your study guides for the exams will be the 'Concepts and Images' lists uploaded to Canvas every week. Exams are not cumulative - in other words, each exam will cover material that you have examined up to that point in the semester.

During the semester you are asked to visit one museum in the Central Florida area. You will write a short (800-word) analytical essay that explains the cultural value of that institution. This assignment builds on ideas and concepts we will explore in Week 8 of the course, and you will also participate in a Writing Workshop in Week 10 to help you prepare for the submission. For more information, please review the assignment instructions uploaded to Canvas.

### Rubrics, Grades, & Grading Scale

Your course grades will be updated weekly on Canvas. Discussion and term paper grades are determined by a rubric that is attached to that assignment in our Canvas classroom. I will review each rubric with you on our first day of class.

Discussions: 25%

Quizzes: 10%

Museum Analysis Essay: 20%

Exam 1: 15%

Exam 2: 15%

Exam 3: 15%

Total Percentage	Letter Grade
90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F

### Late Work, Make Up Work, and Deadlines

Students are responsible for knowing the due dates of each assignment (see the Course Calendar, p. 4). As part of my duties as your professor, I will keep your grade updated weekly on Canvas. Therefore, any missing assignments will be marked with a '0' grade. Please note, however, that this is not a permanent score. Late submissions for assignments are welcome but will receive a 10%-point deduction.

Exam deadlines are less flexible than course assignments. Exams should be completed by the assigned day and time as outlined in the course calendar. Extensions may be granted in extreme circumstances (such as illness or bereavement), but only on a case-by-case basis as decided with your professor.

If, for any reason, you believe you will miss an assignment deadline, please let me know by email. Life sometimes gets in the way of things, and I am happy to work with you based on your situation. We're in this together!

### Communication with Professor

Students should communicate via Canvas email or by using their academic email to contact me at [egleeson@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:egleeson@valenciacollege.edu). I will respond to you within 24 hours on a weekday. Email correspondence on a weekend is not guaranteed. All e-mails must be written with appropriate formal writing etiquette and grammar. Failure to check your Atlas or Canvas email does not excuse you from acting on any notices that have been sent.

### Classroom Demeanor

Our discussions, both in person and on Canvas, take place in a professional learning space. As your Professor, I will ensure for my students a civil and safe environment conducive to learning and inquiry. I encourage you all to maintain an open mind as you thoughtfully communicate your ideas. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning, in accordance with the [Valencia Student Code of Conduct](#). Discussion is healthy when it is kept within the boundaries of mutual respect. I reserve the right to request removal of a student who displays inappropriate, disruptive, or intolerant behavior in the Canvas and/or physical classroom.

### Recording Lectures

As your professor, I'm committed to giving you as many opportunities and resources to support your learning as possible. Therefore, you may find it beneficial to record class lectures to review later. A class lecture is defined as a planned presentation by a college faculty member or instructor, during a scheduled class, delivered for the purpose of transmitting knowledge or information that is reasonably related to the pedagogical objective of the course in which the student is enrolled. Students may record video and/or audio of class lectures for their personal use. Recordings may be a useful tool to support your learning and provide a resource for review. It is important to be respectful of your peers' rights to privacy; with that in mind, please refrain from recording your peers during lectures. You may not record class discussions, student presentations, labs, group work, and private conversations. Further, you may not publish or share recordings without my written consent, nor may you provide recordings to classmates as a substitution for class participation and attendance. If necessary, I will handle violations of this section through the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

### Academic Integrity

All work submitted to the professor must be in your own words. Any evidence of academic dishonesty in any class work will earn you an immediate zero on that work. It may also result in a grade of "F" for the course and a report to the Dean of Students Office. Violations of the Academic Integrity policy for this course include, but are not limited to, violation of testing protocols, submitting work which is not your own, lying to instructors or college personnel, and plagiarism. In some cases, there may be additional consequences, such as expulsion from Valencia College.

Per [Valencia's Student Code of Conduct](#), "academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive."

### Attendance Policy

This class requires your active participation in our weekly discussion meetings as well as in our digital Canvas classroom. You must maintain acceptable attendance in your course. More than three absences are unacceptable. If you are unable to attend class, please let me know by email.

### COVID-19 Safety and Contact Tracing

Valencia College is asking all students and faculty to wear masks indoors and accommodate physical distancing. Masks will be available for free on the campus should you forget to bring yours.

Before coming to class, students should complete the [CDC's Self-Checker](#), which you can access in the [Valencia College Safety App](#). You should answer all questions honestly. If the self-checker says "sounds like you are feeling ok," then please come to class. If you receive any other result from the self-checker, please do not visit campus and notify the college about your self-checker results by emailing [COVIDillness@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:COVIDillness@valenciacollege.edu). Please also email me at [egleeson@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:egleeson@valenciacollege.edu) so that I can assist you with an alternative assignment.

Vaccines are being offered for free at several drive-thru and walk-in locations on the Valencia Campuses. For more information, please visit this website: [COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

### Valencia College Withdrawal Policy

The College will drop you from your courses for non-payment of fees. It is your responsibility to make sure all of your fees are paid on time. You may drop the course by the end of Add/Drop Week (August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021). The deadline to withdraw with a grade of "W" is October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

<b>Important Academic Dates</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
Add/Drop ends: August 30 <sup>th</sup>	September 6 <sup>th</sup> Labor Day
Last day to Withdraw with "W" – October 29 <sup>th</sup>	November 11 <sup>th</sup> : Veterans Day
Final Exam Week: December 6-12 <sup>th</sup>	November 24-28 <sup>th</sup> : Thanksgiving