

HUMANITIES 1020
INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES CLASS SYLLABUS
VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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OFFICE HOURS: As posted on office door.

TEXTS: Vandermast, Roberta. Visions and Values. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2002
Steinbeck, John. The Pearl. London: Penguin Classics, 1945
More, Thomas. Utopia. London: Penguin Classics, 1965
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter. London: Penguin Classics, 1947
Euripides. Medea New York: Dover Publication, 1993

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course focuses on the Western cultural history of the period from the Greek era through Modern Times which includes music, painting, sculpture, literature, architecture, philosophy, and religion.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is mandatory. **Two class periods of absences will be allowed but each class period over that time will result in the reduction of the final grade by two points. More than four absences may result in the instructor withdrawing (W) the student.** If major problems develop because of illness, work, etc., consult with the instructor.

TARDINESS: Students are expected to be on time for the start of each class and remain until the class is over. If a student enters the classroom after the class roll has been checked, that person will be recorded as absent. Also if a student leaves the classroom before the class is dismissed, then the student will be recorded as absent.

GRADING: Final grades will be determined by the following:

1. Grade on each of two tests amount to approximately 100 points which results in 200 total points.
2. Grade on each minor quiz amounts to approximately 80 points.
3. Grade on each major quiz is 30 points with a 10 point writing event with each quiz which adds an additional 160 points to the total point count.

Example: 2 tests, 100 points each = 200 points
8 Minor Quizzes, 10 points each = 80 points
4 Major Quizzes, 30 points each = 160 points
440 total points

Grading Scale:

100%-90% = A
89%-80% = B
79%-70% = C
69%-60% = D
59%- 0% = F

Grading Scale on Written Papers

A = 95	C ⁺ = 78
A ⁻ = 92	C = 75
B ⁺ = 88	C ⁻ = 72
B = 85	D ⁺ = 68
B ⁻ = 82	D = 65
	D ⁻ = 62

No student will receive credit for the course who does not take all tests and who does not submit all required papers.

QUIZZES:

Quizzes will occur periodically. Reading material is assigned and a quiz follows. If the material has not been read prior to the quiz, **the quiz will receive a grade of zero and the material must be read before a grade can be given for the course.** There will be no make-up option for missed minor quizzes. At the end of the term one of the quizzes will be eliminated. For the major quizzes there will be a make-up date close to the end of the term but the 10 point writing event will not be repeated, thus a 10 point loss on the grade.

TESTS:

There will be two scheduled tests within the term with equal or almost equal value. All make-up tests will be taken during the later part of the term with a ten point reduction in the score of the test.

Academic dishonesty in any class work will result in loss of credit.

**VALENCIA
STUDENT CORE
COMPETENCIES:**

The Valencia Student Core Competencies (Think, Value, Act, Communicate) are an established component of the college's curriculum development and review process. A detailed overview can be found in the current Valencia catalog, pp. 13-14 or on the Valencia website (<http://www.valenciacc.edu/competencies/default.asp>).

**STUDENTS
WITH
DISABILITIES:**

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities (West Campus, SSB 102, ext. 1523).

CELL PHONES:

Phones must be turned off prior to the start of class. If a phone rings or vibrates in class that student must leave the class and consult with the instructor before returning.

**STUDENT RIGHTS,
RESPONSIBILITIES,
AND CONDUCT:**

Consult the Student Personal Planner/Handbook

COMMENTS:

Mutual respect will be extended and shared by everyone in the class. Likewise, proper language will be maintained by each. It is the responsibility of each person to contribute to the positive and supportive environment of the class.

Material and requirements may be added or deleted at the discretion of the instructor.