**HUM 1020 – INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES (ONLINE)**

**Course Syllabus – Fall 2022**

**Professor Karen Styles**

**INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Email: Students may contact me either through Canvas messages or through my Outlook address: [kstyles@valenciacollege.edu.](mailto:kstyles@valenciacollege.edu.) When using Outlook email, please remember to put your name and the name of the course ("HUM 1020") in the subject line of your email.

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HOURS:**

Mon/Weds    9:30 - 10:00 am, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (in office, 1-335 East Campus)

Tues/Thurs    9:00 am – noon  (via email, Canvas messages, or Zoom by request)

Friday           11:00 – noon  (via email, Canvas messages, or Zoom by request)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is 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, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment, and Romantic 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.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

* Articulate connections between humanities and life.
* Interpret a work of art, literature, philosophy, or religion.
* Show sensitivity towards different cultural perspectives.

**CREDIT HOURS: 3**

**PREREQUISITE: None**

**ONLINE COURSE ENVIRONMENT**

An online course is a course in which all the content is delivered online at Valencia using the college-approved course management system. Online courses can provide opportunities for students to attend anytime from anywhere; however, the online student must take responsibility for his or her own learning. In any distance education program, the capacity for self-directed learning is crucial. While instructors and fellow students can provide some support, the online distance learner is expected to provide the internal motivation to manage his or her own learning during the course of study and have a basic grasp of Internet navigation skills and word processing skills. Canvas is used to deliver all instruction in this online course and the student is responsible to learn to use this delivery system. Students should visit the course at least every 48 hours to remain up-to-date on communications from the instructor and fellow students.

**REQUIRED TEXT**

No textbook is required for this course. The instructor has adapted content from an Open Educational Resource (O.E.R.) and embedded it within the course. This material will provide the historical and cultural information that is typically provided in a traditional course textbook.

**BASIS OF EVALUATION**

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a point system. Each assignment, quiz, and unit exam will be worth a certain number of points. (Exams will always be worth more points than quizzes and homework assignments.) Grade distribution will be as follows:

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| **Basis of Evaluation** | |
| **Points Earned** | **Final Grade\*\*** |
| 90-100% of pts. available | A |
| 80-89% | B |
| 70-79% | C |
| 60-69% | D |
| less than 60% | F |

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Attendance in an online class is based on a student's completion of assignments, quizzes, discussion board postings, and exams. A missed deadline for submitting an assignment counts as an absence. After a student has failed to complete **six assigned items** (whether assignments, discussions, quizzes, or exams) they will receive a warning. Upon the **seventh** absence (seventh missed assignment), the student will automatically be withdrawn from the course by the instructor. The instructor does not distinguish between "excused" and "unexcused" absences. For severe medical conditions that result in excessive absences, consult the Dean of Students concerning Valencia’s medical withdrawal policy.

If you are an [international student](https://valenciacollege.edu/students/international-students/maintaining-visa-status.php), or a [student on financial aid](http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory_progress.cfm), it is your responsibility to know how a "W" will affect your status.

**STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY / WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE**

**October 28th** at 11:59 pm is the deadline for withdrawing from a class for the full Fall 2022 term. If you withdraw from a course prior to this date, you will automatically receive a “W,” regardless of the grade you were earning at the time. (See the Attendance Policy above for how absences--in the form of missed assignments or discussions--will affect a student's status in the course.)

**INTERRUPTED QUIZZES OR EXAMS**

Occasionally it happens that your server, computer, or Canvas has an error while you are taking a quiz or an exam, and you need to have the exam or quiz reset. If that happens, you can contact me to help you if I am able to—only if the deadline has not passed. Please be aware of and take into account my office hours. If you email me at 11:55 pm when your quiz is due by 11:59 pm that same day, you should not expect a response from me before the deadline. By the following morning, when I read your email, the deadline will have passed and you will not be eligible to retake or take the quiz you missed. Please plan accordingly.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Plagiarism is defined as taking ideas, writing, etc., from another and passing them off as one's own. It is morally and academically indefensible. Any assignment showing signs of plagiarism will receive a zero.

**VALENCIA PHOTO ID**

Every student must have a Valencia photo ID in order to check out library books or to use any of the facilities in the library such as the Testing Center. You can get a new ID card in the Security Office on the second floor of building 5 on East Campus.

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH FOOD/HOUSING/FINANCIAL NEEDS**

Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect his or her performance in the course, is urged to meet with a Counselor in Advising  for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.