

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**HUM 2223 – Late Roman and Medieval Humanities**  
**Valencia College – Spring 2013**

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**REQUIRED TEXT:** *Cultures and Values* VOLUME 2, “VCC” Edition. Cunningham/Reich authors.  
ISBN #: 978-1-424-07757-1.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is a basic introduction to late Roman and Medieval humanities that focuses on central concepts, historical developments, and the fundamental nature of philosophy, architecture, music, religion, and art.

**CREDIT:** 3 Hours, Gordon Rule requirement.

**Use of Atlas Email System:** The instructor will use the Atlas email system for contacting students outside of class. Each student is required to check their Atlas email daily so that they do not miss any important announcements from the instructor. The instructor is not responsible for information that is missed because a student failed to check their email daily. Any problems with the Atlas system should be reported to the Atlas help desk at ext. 5555.

**GRADE SCALE:**

A	100-90%
B	89-80%
C	79-70%
D	69-60%
F	Below 60%

**GRADE BREAKDOWN:**

Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Exam 3	25%
Writing Assignments	25%

**ATTENDANCE:**

Due to the nature of the material covered in this class, attendance is mandatory, not optional. Students are allowed only **three** unexcused absences. Once a student has missed three class meetings, he/she will receive a warning from the instructor through Atlas email that they now have excessive absences. After that, any additional absences must be excused with a doctor’s note, death certificate, or some other accepted documentation (at the instructor’s discretion) that indicates unavoidable circumstances. If this documentation is not presented immediately after an absence (or excessive tardiness), the student will be automatically penalized 10% of their final grade by the instructor without exception, per absence.

**TEST POLICY:**

All students must take exams on the scheduled dates. Documented emergencies such as death in the family and severe illness warrant a make-up test at the instructor's discretion. Non-emergency previously-planned engagements (such as weddings) can be discussed with the professor during the first two weeks. After this point, no excuses will be considered.

**WRITING ASSIGNMENT POLICY:**

Writing assignments are penalized one letter grade for each class period that they are late. You will receive specific instructions regarding the writing assignment at least two prior to each assignment. Please keep in mind that a failure to complete the Gordon Rule requirement, no matter what your overall grade may be, must result in a failure for the semester. Additionally, **your grade for each assignment will depend significantly upon your in-class participation.** Be prepared to participate in the in-class discussions for each of the three major assignments.

Written assignments will be scheduled periodically throughout the semester. There will be no large-scale research papers due, but instead a series of smaller assignments. You will have a least two weeks' notice before each assignment is due, except for the first assignment.

**HUM 2223 – Class Schedule, Fall 2013**

**Week 1:** Introductions, Outline of Medieval Period and Overview. Zinn assignment released.

**Week 2:** Zinn assignment due and discussion; Christianity and its beginnings.

**Week 3:** Christianity's books, Textual criticism, early Christian rituals

**Week 4:** Chant, Worship, Calendars, Early Philosophers

**Week 5:** Rituals, The Mass, and the Doctors of the Church

**Week 6:** Test #1, Augustine

**Week 7:** Just War Theory and Writing Assignment #2 released

**Week 8:** Just War Paper Due and discussions, Fall of Rome and Rise of the Church

**Week 9:** Carolingian Renaissance, Feudalism

**Week 10:** Crusades, Secular Art

**Week 11:** Cathedrals and Test #2

**Week 12 and 13:** Inquisition, Plague, Church Decline, and 100 years' War. Final Paper due and Final quiz.