Course Syllabus

HUM 1020 – Introduction to Humanities

Valencia College

Summer 2023 Six-Week Online, CRN: 31142

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**Required Texts:** The following text is required and must be purchased by each student for successful completion of the course.

* *Landmarks in Humanities* by Gloria K. Fiero, 5th edition (Valencia custom edition)

ISBN-13: 9781307563955 OR the ebook rental version ISBN-13: 9781264142910

**Credit Hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** Integrated examination of dominant ideas in Western culture as expressed in art, literature, music, philosophy and religion. Covers early Greek civilizations through the Twentieth Century.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

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

The course learning outcomes are the comprehensive, overarching outcomes that students should be able to demonstrate as a result of taking HUM 1020. Each weekly module contains a list of additional learning outcomes that pertain specifically to the course content contained within that module, and which help students to achieve and demonstrate the course learning outcomes.

**Basis of Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated based upon the following: 2 exams consisting of multiple choice questions from various historical periods; discussion postings and responses; writing assignments, lecture quizzes, and reading quizzes.

Exams (2 total) = 300 points

Reading and Lecture Quizzes = (11 total + Orientation Quiz) = 135 points

Assignments (2 total) = 40 points

Discussion (4 total + Intro Discussion) = 45 points

**Total Points** = 520

Points Final Grade

468 – 520 A

416 – 467 B

364 – 415 C

312 – 363 D

0 – 311 F

**Very Important -**Our course is meant to be navigated and completed using either a desktop PC, laptop or Mac. Thus, our course is not completely compatible with tablets and smartphones. This is especially true when considering technical errors that often occur while taking a quiz or exam on a tablet or smartphone. As a result, I ask that you do not use tablets or smartphones to complete work for our course. If you do not own a PC/laptop or Mac, you may always use any desktop PC on any Valencia campus to complete your work for the course.

**Important Dates and Withdraw Deadline**

Course Start Date: June 20th

Course End Date: July 31st (Aug. 1st)

Drop Refund Deadline: June 27th

College Closed: July 4th

The withdraw deadline for this course (Summer 6WK 2023 – Online) is: **July 20th**. If you withdraw from a course by this date, you will automatically receive a “W,” regardless of the grade you were earning at the time. However, if you quit attending class after this deadline, the instructor will automatically assign you a final grade of “F”.

For International Students: Please be advised that withdrawal from this course due to attendance may result in the termination of your visa status if you fall below the full-time enrollment requirement of 12 credit hours except during the summer. Go to the following site for more information: <https://international.valenciacollege.edu/>

**Important Links**

College Catalogue: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/catalog/>  
Policy Manual: <https://valenciacollege.edu/about/general-counsel/policy/>  
Student Handbook: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/student-services/documents/student-handbook.pdf>  
Free Microsoft Office: <https://valenciacollege.edu/employees/office-of-information-technology/network-and-info-security-services/office-365.php>

Course Support: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/learning-support/online/index.php>

# **Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism is defined as: "to take (ideas, writing, etc.) from another and pass them off as one's own." It is morally and academically indefensible. Any assignment showing signs of plagiarism will be graded zero. Students are advised to keep planning notes and outlines should the need for authentication arise. Plagiarism is a serious academic offence that may result in failure of a particular assignment, failure if a particular class and or exclusion from the college. If you are unsure as to what constitutes plagiarism on an essay, consult the professor. **Plagiarism determinations will not be reversed for any reason short of an error in judgment on the part of the instructor.**

Please view the following document explaining Valencia’s policy regarding academic honesty: <https://valenciacollege.edu/about/general-counsel/policy/documents/volume8/8-11-academic-dishonesty.pdf>

**Missed Work Policy**

From time to time throughout the semester, unexpected instances and emergencies can occur. However, I will not be attempting to determine the validity of hospital paperwork, death certificates, doctor’s notes, etc. for missed work.

Therefore, in this course, everyone will have their lowest regular assignment dropped at the end of the semester (so, either a quiz, discussion, or assignment). This does not apply to exams or papers – missed exams for actual emergencies must be taken in the first 48 hours following the deadline, with an 80 percent maximum possible score. Papers can be turned in late for a penalty and must be turned in to pass the course (Gordon Rule Policy). So, if you miss a quiz, discussion, or assignment due to an unforeseen absence, rest assured, this grade will be dropped at the end of the semester while grades are being tallied. However, this policy only applies to **ONE** assignment per semester, per student.

Please note: if you have any serious or continuing medical issue that requires you to miss multiple weeks of the course (and thus, multiple assignments), Valencia has a medical leave withdraw policy specifically for this, which falls outside of the guidelines of my course.

Also, please know that this regulation does not apply to any of the accommodations granted through the Office of Student Disabilities (via official OSD paperwork) – those accommodations will remain in place as normal for students that have them.

### **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. Keep in mind that if you email me at 11:00 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.

**Accommodations for Disabilities**

Valencia’s Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides accommodations for students with various types of disabilities, including providing assistive technology as well as aid for those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Visit their website for more details: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/office-for-students-with-disabilities/> Please note – any disability which requires a specific change in the course (e.g. extra time on exams) must be cleared via paperwork from the OSD prior to any changes being made. All linked video files in the course have a closed-captioning option, and all audio files are transcribed.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Valencia College strives to ensure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work. BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. If needed, the counselor may refer the student to appropriate resources or to speak face-to-face with a licensed counselor.

<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/studentservices/baycarestudentassistanceservices/>

**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 the Advising Center for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.

<http://net4.valenciacollege.edu/forms/advising-counseling/contact.cfm>

**No Show Policy**

Class attendance is required for online classes; students who do not submit the required attendance activity or assignment by the scheduled due date will be withdrawn by the instructor at the end of the first week as a "no show". If you are withdrawn as a “no show,” you will be financially responsible for the class and a final grade of “WN” will appear on your transcript for the course.

**Student Code of Conduct Statement**

Valencia is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia’s learning community and that does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the Student Code of Conduct, which can be reviewed at:  
<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/academicpoliciesprocedures/studentcodeofconduct/>

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/CALENDAR OF ASSIGNMENTS**

**Opening Times:**Due to the shortened schedule of this accelerated Summer course, the graded requirements contained within each week will be open to complete for the entire duration of the course. Please note, however, that assignments within a particular week will still close on Sunday evenings at 11:59pm. (Effectively, this means that you can work ahead if you want, but don't forget that end of the week deadlines still apply!)

Example:  Week 3 assignments will be open from 6/20, but will close on 7/10 at 11:59pm.

**Date                     Material to be Covered and Assignments Due on That Date**

6/20-6/26          **Week 1**:  Orientation Module, Introduction to Humanities & The Greeks. Assignments due: **Orientation Module Quiz, Intro Discussion, Reading Quiz: Greek History. Allegory of the Cave Discussion, Antigone assignment.**

6/27-7/3            **Week 2**:  Ancient Rome and the Medieval Period. Assignments due:  **Reading Quiz: Ancient Rome, Rome Lecture + Video Quiz, Roman Philosophy Discussion**

7/4-7/10            **Week 3**:  The Renaissance & Protestant Reformation. Pre-Greeks - Protestant Reformation Exam. Assignments due:  **Birth of the Renaissance & Renaissance Mastery Lecture Quiz, Classical Humanism Lecture Quiz, N. Renaissance & Protestant Reformation Reading & Lecture Quiz, Pre-Greeks to Protestant Reformation Exam.**

7/11-7/17          **Week 4**:  The Scientific Revolution & The Enlightenment. Assignments due:  **Reading Quiz:  The Scientific Revolution & The Enlightenment, Scientific Revolution/Enlightenment/Baroque/Neoclassical Lecture Quiz, Enlightenment Thinkers & Writers/US Neoclassical Art & Arch/Baroque & Classical Music Lecture Quiz, Social Contract Theory Assignment.**

7/18-7/24          **Week 5**:  Romanticism, Materialism, & Modernism. Assignments due:  **Reading Quiz:  Romanticism, Materialism/Psychology & Art/WWI & Reactions Lecture Quiz, Romantic Nationalism Discussion.**

7/25-7/31\*        **Week 6**:  Postmodernism & Globalism. Scientific Revolution - Globalism Final Exam. Assignments due:  **Final Discussion:  Applying the course to your life, Scientific Revolution - Globalism Final** **Exam.**

\*Final exam closes on a Sunday evening, NOT on Monday 8/1.

NOTE: Instructor has the right to make changes to the course calendar as he deems necessary.