

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Course Syllabus: Introduction to Humanities
Instructor: Professor Kelly Perez
Summer 2018 ONLINE only

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COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES

COURSE NUMBER: HUM 1020

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Integrated examination of dominant ideas in Western culture expressed in art, literature, music, philosophy, and religion. Covers period from the turn of the century to present. Focuses on creative forces which have shaped contemporary consciousness from pioneering work of Einstein, Picasso, Stravinsky, and Wright through the dominance of objective consciousness to newly emerging guiding myths of today. Gordon Rule course in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple writing assignments. Minimum grade of C required if used to satisfy Gordon Rule

PREREQUISITE: None

TERM: Summer Semester: May 7th, 2018 – July 29th, 2018

CREDIT HOURS: 3 credit hours

REQUIRED TEXT:

Landmarks in Humanities 4th edition: Special Edition for Valencia College

[Landmarks in Humanities eBook](#) (Click here to view eBook)

Author: Gloria K. Fiero
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MAJOR TOPICS/CONCEPTS/SKILLS/ISSUES

- Prehistoric Culture (Mesopotamia, Egyptians, and Aegean's)
- The Greco-Roman world and classical ideals
- Roman Imperialism
- The Age of Faith (Judeo-Christian and Islam)
- The Medieval World
- The Renaissance: the birth of Greco-Roman ideals (Humanism, Neoplatonism, classicism)
- The Scientific Religion and the Age of Reason
- The Romantic Spirit and the Age of Revolution
- The World Wars and Rise of Post-Modernism

- Understanding the terminology of central concepts of philosophy, architecture, music, religions, and art
- Basic methodology: Interpretation & analysis of philosophy, architecture, music, religions, and art

COURSE FORMAT & METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

The course will be taught through a combination of lecture, hands-on classroom exercises and homework assignments. Students should not assume that there will be class time to complete homework assignments. Required readings, assignments and other activities will be provided.

Text messaging or answering your cell phone while in-class will be considered disruptive behavior and can be a cause for your dismissal from class. At no time will you be allowed to listen to your IPOD or MP3 player in class when not instructed to do so. Also, computer notebooks (laptops/computers) are not to be used during class. It is distracting to other students. I may have other activities that do require or will utilize personal electronic devices but refrain from using them unless directed to do so.

MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES.

Basic introduction to 20th Humanities focuses on central concepts, historical development and fundamental nature of philosophy, architecture, music, religion and art. Concepts from such disciplines integrated with contemporary American culture. Keep in mind the following: ***Who am I? What am I going to do with this information? You can make it in the world and here's how. This course is a beginning to answering some of the most important questions in your life; yes, the Humanities, yes you!***

- CULTURAL & HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING: Each student will demonstrate, through discussion, essay writing, or answering exam questions, the understanding of literal and philosophical interpretations of significant texts of the period
- ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY: Analyze literary texts as reflections of social values of the period
- CRITICAL THINKING: Students will communicate the impact of modern and postmodern writings on the world view of the period

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Please bring textbooks to class each day as we may have work to complete in them. You are responsible to check email from me if there is online reading due or required of you. If you need assistance with this event, please see me for help and I will comply.

GRADING SCALE:The following grading scale is used: A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60-69; F=below 60

Accumulation of points:

Tasks	Points
Quiz Study Questions	0
Short Answer Questions	1100
Quizzes	500
Final	200
Total	1600

EXTRA CREDIT: CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Each week students can take vocabulary quizzes for extra points. Students can access this online through the portal.

ATTENDANCE POLICY & NO-SHOW PROCEDURES:

Students are required to complete weekly assignments. By completing these weekly assignments on time, you are establishing yourself as present in the course. If you are continuously tardy with your assignments, you are subject to withdrawal from the course.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

The New Withdrawal Policy has been implemented. Here's what you need to know about the new Withdrawal Policy:

- Students may withdraw themselves for a W up until the withdrawal deadline.
- After the withdrawal deadline each semester, students can no longer withdraw themselves.
- WP and WF have been deleted from Withdrawal procedures.
- Before the withdrawal deadline, both a student and faculty may withdraw the student.
- After the withdrawal deadline, a student cannot withdraw him-/herself.

Procedure Effective Date: 05/15/2007 Procedure Statement: Students must complete the Refund Request or Waiver of Debt Form that is available in Atlas and include appropriate documentation as described on the form. In order to academically maintain financial aid, students must meet all of the following requirements:

- Complete 67% of all classes attempted, and
- Maintain a Valencia GPA of 2.0 or higher, and
- Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, and
- Complete degree within the 150% timeframe

Detailed information about maintaining satisfactory academic progress (SAP) can be found at:

http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory_progress.cfm

For a complete policy and procedure overview on Valencia Policy 4-07 please go to:

http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=75&volumeID_1=4&navst=0

Before Withdrawal Deadline:

Per Valencia Policy 4-07 (Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawals), a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a grade of "W". *The professor will not withdraw any student for any reason; it is the responsibility of the student to withdraw themselves before the withdrawal deadline and to be aware of the date of the withdrawal deadline.*

A student may withdraw at any time during the term in Atlas **before** the withdrawal date.

After Withdrawal Period:

A professor can withdraw you from a course for excessive absences without your permission. (2002-03 College Catalog p.62) If a student knows they are not passing the course but fails to withdraw by the designated date and then decides to stop coming to class, you should know the professor will not withdraw you from the course and the grade of F will be assigned. If students request a W after the deadline, please furnish a written request via the professor's email address with reason for your W. This does not guarantee a W but the professor will consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

Student Behavioral Withdrawal:

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting or is clearly disrespectful of the instructor or fellow students will not be tolerated. Student's behavior that is inappropriate will result in disenrollment from the course.

SECURITY STATEMENT:

*We want to reassure you that our security officers are here around the clock to ensure the safety and security of the campus community. It's important to remain alert and aware of your surroundings, especially during the early morning or evening hours. Remember that you can always call security for an escort if you feel uncomfortable walking alone on campus. White security phones can also be found in many of our buildings; simply pick up the phone and security will answer. Finally, report any suspicious persons to West Campus Security at **407-582-1000**, **407-582-1030** (after-hours number) or by using the yellow emergency call boxes located on light poles in the parking lots and along walkways. If you see something, say something. (Don't make me call my big brother, he's mean.)*

MAKE-UP POLICY:

Late assignments are always accepted

- 2 -7 days late: Minus 5% of the total earned score
- 8 -14 days late: Minus 8% of the total earned score
- 15+ days late: Minus 15% of the total earned score

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Participation in class involves a number of variables, including but not limited to:

- Your willingness to participate actively in all class activities.
- Your cooperation during group and pair work.
- Your respect and attitude toward the class and your peers.
- Your daily preparation for each class.
- Your instructor may assign written homework that will be collected and graded; these assignments form part of your participation grade

CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADING:

- A (90-100) Student prepares for the lesson, volunteers answers, correctly.
- B (89-80) Student responds when called upon; answers are generally correct.
- C (79-70) Student has some problems with the subject, but makes an effort to be prepared, understand, and respond.
- D (69-60) Student does not respond correctly, is not prepared for class, does not have materials ready, and is absent frequently.
- F (59-0) Student can't answer questions, does other things not concerning class, and is absent most of the time.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Student Conduct and Academic Honesty: Each student is required to follow Valencia policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student's individual thoughts,

research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states “group project.” Any act of academic dishonesty will be handled in accordance with Valencia policy as set forth in the Student Handbook and Catalog.
VCC Expected student conduct: 10-03 Student Code of Conduct

Specific Authority: 1006.60, FS. Law Implemented: 1006.60, FS.

Valencia College is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, and to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules of appropriate behavior as articulated in the Student Code of Conduct. The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Faculty may direct students who engage in inappropriate behavior that results in disruption of a class to leave the class. Such students may be subject to other disciplinary action which may include a warning, withdrawal from class, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the college. Please read the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook.

Here is the link to Valencia’s Student Code of Conduct website:

<http://www.valenciacollege.edu/policies/policydetail2.cfm?PolicyCatID=10&PolicyID=3>

Exams and homework are considered individual effort; any submissions that are too similar for coincidence will receive no credit. Students may collaborate in group assignments. Collaboration should be used to edit or to clarify doubts. If anyone is involved in incidents of cheating a zero will be given. Each student is expected to be in complete compliance with the college policy on Academic Honesty as set forth in the admissions catalog and the student handbook. Any student(s) cheating on an exam will receive a zero on the exam. This cannot be replaced with the final score and the professor at his/her discretion can withdraw you from the class.

Baycare Behavioral Health's Student Assistance Program:

*Valencia is committed to making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help that may assist them with psychological issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work. Students have 24 hour unlimited access to the **Baycare Behavioral Health's confidential student assistance program** phone counseling services by calling **(800) 878-5470**. Three free confidential face-to-face counseling sessions are also available to students."*

Office of Students with Disabilities:

Students 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 week of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities (West-SSB 102) determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities. The goal at the OSD is to open doors, remove barriers and assist you in any way the can. The key to success is matching your needs to the services provided. Please contact this office to discuss your individual needs. The link to Valencia's OSD website: <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/osd>. Children are not permitted in the Testing Center – The Testing Center does not provide sitting services during your test. Valencia General Education Student Learning Outcomes

IMPORTANT VALENCIA WEBSITE LINKS:

- College Calendar: <http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar/>
- College Catalog: <http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/>
- Valencia Policy and Procedures: <http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/>
- FERPA: <http://valenciacollege.edu/ferpa/>
- ADA: <http://valenciacollege.edu/osd/handbook/sec4.htm>
- Medical Records:
<http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/ValenciaCollegePolicy.cfm?policyID=186>

Support Services:

- Tutoring services are available in bldg. 7-240 (extension 1633)
- Writing Center is available to you and you can consult them on campus or via this link

<http://valenciacollege.edu/learning-support/communicat>

Valencia College offers a variety of Skill Shops: short seminars covering a variety of topics which deal with student success, goals and purpose. To check out Valencia's Skill shop offerings, go to:

<http://valenciacollege.edu/studentervices/skillshops.cfm>

DISCLAIMER:

The course outline and syllabus are subject to change as needed; changes will be announced in class and or via email and blackboard notification in a timely manner, when necessary. Your continued participation in this course after the drop-add deadline period constitutes an agreement with and an acceptance of the conditions presented in this syllabus.