

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Humanities/Western Culture-MdA

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** HMT 2530

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will examine the ideas and ideals which characterize the moral, intellectual, and aesthetic activities from early civilization through the Medieval Period. By considering the literature, art, philosophy, and religion of various ages, students will learn how these interrelated disciplines define a people and a time. Students will also gain an overview of individuals and works in the humanities which are fundamental to early Western culture.

Prerequisite: ENG 1530.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Identify creative works of art, architecture, poetry, drama and literature, describing the culture and era to which they belong.
  2. Describe the basic characteristics of each period studied in the development of the Western tradition in the Humanities, from Ancient Egypt through the Middle Ages.
  3. Compose a critical interpretation of selected works in the Humanities within the period from the times of Ancient Egypt through the Middle Ages.
  4. Identify artistic and literary themes and motifs within and across periods from the times of Ancient Egypt through the Middle Ages.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Ancient river valley civilizations: Akkadian, Neo-Sumerian, Old Babylonia, Assyria, Neo-Babylonia, Perisa
  - Ancient Egypt: Old, Middle, & New Kingdoms
  - Greece: Aegean & Minoan culture
  - Early Greece & Archaic Period
  - Hellenic Athens & the Golden Age
  - Hellenistic World: the influence of Greece
  - Greek Art & Architecture
  - Rise of Judaism
  - Rise of Christianity
  - Early Medieval Period: early church, feudalism, Islamic Art, Carolingian Renaissance
  - Later Medieval Period: rise of cities, universities, cathedrals; Medieval synthesis
  - Medieval Art & Architecture
  - Medieval Music
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
  
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2023