

**Course Code:** HIS 101 (IAI S2 902)

**Course Title:** History of Western Civilization I

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 54.0101

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 4-0-4

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 4

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 4**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

Examination of the origins and development of major social, political, economic, and intellectual institutions of European civilization from the ancient cultures of Mediterranean world through 1715.

### General Course Objectives

To analyze, discuss, and appreciate the origins and development of major social, political, economic, and intellectual institutions of European civilization from the fall of the Roman Empire through 1715.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete at least 1 reading and writing assignment which is usually 2,000 words and which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

The Making of the West, Vol I: To 1750, Sixth VALUE Edition. Authors: Hunt, et al. 9781319105006

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Origins	1. Analyze the characteristics that define civilization in the Western world and understand why those circumstances arose in Mesopotamia.	2	0	0
Small Kingdoms and Mighty Empires	1. Demonstrate understanding of the linkage between the rise of monotheism and the later development of Christianity.	2	0	0
The Legacy of Greece	1. Explain the long-term implications of the Greek concept of the polis.	4	0	0
Hellenistic Diffusion	1. Explain how the conquests of Alexander contributed to the formation of the Hellenistic world.	4	0	0
Rise of Rome	1. Identify the key components that contributed to the growth and success of the Roman Republic.	4	0	0
The Pax Romana	1. Identify the factors and reasons for the development of the Roman Empire and its later influence in the European medieval world.	4	0	0
The Making of Europe	1. Explain the origins, developments, and interactions of the major institutions of medieval Europe from the 7th century through the 15th century (i.e. feudalism, manorialism, the Catholic church, and monarchies).	4	0	0
The Carolingian World	1. Analyze the cultural contribution of the Carolingian dynasty to the emerging European identity.	4	0	0
Revival, Recovery, and Reform	1. Demonstrate understanding of the reasons for the reemergence of central authority in the High Middle Ages.	4	0	0
Christian Europe in the High Middle Ages	1. Summarize and assess the accuracy of the medieval concept of the three orders (those who fight, those who pray, those who work).	4	0	0
Creativity and Vitality in the High Middle Ages	1. Demonstrate understanding of and explain why Gothic architecture epitomized the recovery of the High Middle Ages.	4	0	0
Crisis in the Later Middle Ages	1. Analyze both the negative and positive effect that the Black Death had on the surviving European population.	4	0	0
European Society in the Age of the Renaissance	1. Delineate the characteristics of the Italian Renaissance and the Renaissance outside Italy from the mid-14th century through the 16th century.	4	0	0

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Reform and Renewal in the Church	1. Analyze the religious and secular origins of the Reformation, including the personal contributions of Martin Luther and John Calvin.	4	0	0
Overseas Expansion and Political Conflict	1. Analyze the background and motives for European expansion from the late 15th century and compare and contrast the colonial systems of Portugal, Spain, Holland, England, and France.	4	0	0
Absolutism and Constitutionalism	1. Evaluate the differences between absolutism and constitutionalism in Western European political systems.	4	0	0

**Total Contact Hours**

<b>Lecture Hours</b>	<b>Lab Hours</b>	<b>Clinical Hours</b>
60	0	0