Introduction to Humanities

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Overview

This course surveys human culture and values, with a primarily Western focus, from the Ancient World to Post Modernism. Through interactive lectures and group discussions, we will seek to make connections beyond the assigned readings.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, you will be able to:

- 1. Develop, interpret, and express ideas about major artistic, cultural, religious, social, and philosophical material.
- 2. Identify and discuss significant works, individuals, and trends
- 3. Analyze your own and others assumptions and carefully evaluate the relevance of contexts when presenting a position.
- 4. Develop your written, oral, and aural communication skills.

Attendance | Evaluation | Grading

You will be allowed two (2) absences, excused or otherwise. Arriving more than 5 minutes late, or leaving early will constitute an absence. After 2 absences in the class, regardless of how they are earned, you will receive a letter grade reduction. A letter grade reduction will continue for each excessive absence.

Online course enrollee's are expected to access the course AT LEAST once per week.

You will be evaluated on exams, group discussions, and course projects (short essays). The grading percentages are detailed below.

GRADING PERCENTAGES:

Exams 40%
Discussions 30%
Major Projects 30%

Letter Grade: A, 90-100%; B, 80-89%; C, 70-79%; D, 60-69%; F, 0-59%

All work must be turned in according to the instructions given on your assignment sheet. Email submissions, and/or late work will not be accepted, except in the case of extreme emergency. In addition, no make-up exams will be given.

It is my expectation that you will arrive prepared for each class. Preparation includes the following:

- Arrive on time
- Put away cell phones
- Completion of assigned readings
- Respectful and supportive behavior amongst your peers

Assignment Overview:

Projects:

- 1. The Great Questions: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (reading subject to change)
- 2. Cultural Response Essay

Discussion:

- 1. Define Civilization
- 2. Antiquity Highlights Reel
- 3. Religion
- 4. A Civilization of My Choosing

Exams:

- 1. Midterm (chapters2-5)
- 2. Final (chapters 13-15)

Students with Disabilities

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. For student to receive any accommodation, documentation must be completed in the Office of Disability Services. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor at 979-230-3236 for further information.

Student Support

To help you on your educational pathway, Brazosport College provides all students with access to TimelyCare. If you're stressed, challenged, or need help, download the TimelyCare app today! It's your free virtual health and well-being service platform, available 24/7, 365 days of the year. Search "TimelyCare" in your app store. Then, register with your student email to access your health care services.

Title IX Statement

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If students experience an incident of discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct, they are encouraged to report it.

If a faculty or staff member "is informed of a student's pregnancy or related condition" by the student or "a person who has a legal right to act on behalf of the student," the employee must "promptly" tell the student or representative how to notify the Title IX Coordinator of the student's pregnancy or related conditions and must provide the Title IX Coordinator's contact information to the student or representative, unless the employee "reasonably believes" the Title IX Coordinator already knows.

While students may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are "Responsible Employees" and must report what is told to them to college officials. Students can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct.

Alex Crouse, Director of Student Life and Deputy Title IX Coordinator 979-230-3355; alex.crouse@brazosport.edu

Mareille Rolon, HR Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator 979-230-3303; <u>mareille.rolon@brazosport.edu</u>

Academic Honesty Policy

Brazosport College assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at http://www.brazosport.edu. Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication, and may, at a minimum, result in failing this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.

Textbooks | Required Reading

Philip E. Bishop, Adventures in the Human Spirit, 7th edition Pearson, ISBN-13 978-0-205-88147-5

Required course materials are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore. A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer. Additional readings will be uploaded to D2L, or given as handouts in class.