



# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

Introduction to Humanities - Section Syllabus  
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**Final Exam Date:** TBD  
**Last Date of Drop/Add:** January 16, 2025  
**Last Date for Student to Withdraw:** April 7, 2025

**Course Description:** An introduction to the study of the humanities, including philosophy, literature, and the arts. Examines cultural achievements from the Ancient World to the Contemporary Era. Meets AA general education, Humanities.

**Class Meeting Time:** Online (asynchronous)  
**Class Location:** Online  
**Credits:** 3 cc

**Prerequisites:** None.  
**Offered:** FA, SP, SU.  
**Distribution:** Meets AA General Education Core, Humanities requirement.

**Required Textbooks and Instructional Materials:** Free "Open Educational Resources" required. Please see your instructor.

**Supplemental Textbooks and Instructional Materials:** None.

**Special Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Evaluation:**

At minimum, the instructor will cover content which aligns with statewide and institutional learning outcomes for the course. The instructor will measure student performance per the chart below.

Grading Scale		Final Grade Calculation	
90% - 100%	A	Tests	50%
87% - 89%	B+	Discussion Posts	20%
80% - 86%	B	Essay	10%
77% - 79%	C+	Final Exam	20%
70% - 76%	C		
67% - 69%	D+		
60% - 66%	D		
0% - 59%	F		

**Course Evaluations**

Evaluations of student progress towards achieving the stated learning outcomes and performance objectives is the responsibility of the instructor, within the policies of the College and the department. Detailed explanations are included in the course supplementals developed by the instructor for each section being taught.

**Extra Credit:** Opportunities for extra credit are not provided in this course. Please bear this in mind as you prepare for each test and any other course requirement. Note that studying briefly each (or every other day) is highly recommended rather than cramming the night before each test.

**Student Expectations:** Students enrolled in this course can expect the following:

1. clearly identified course objectives;
2. productive class meetings;
3. a positive learning environment;
4. opportunities for appropriate student participation;
5. effective instruction;
6. positive and appropriate interactions;
7. assistance with meeting course objectives during and beyond class hours;
8. evaluation of student performance and appropriate and timely feedback; and
9. clear and well-organized instruction.

**General Education Student Learning Outcomes:**

- **Critical Thinking:** The student analyzes, evaluates, and, if necessary, challenges the validity of ideas, principles, or data in order to develop informed opinions, probable predictions, or defensible conclusions.
- **Communication:** The student effectively communicates knowledge and ideas.
- **Cultural Literacy:** The student demonstrates an understanding of human culture and its diversity.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Identify various works depicting painting, sculpture, architecture and relate them to various cultures and time periods.
2. Recognize certain works in poetry, literature, music, and philosophy and relate them to various schools and time periods.
3. Evaluate the significance of the humanities to both individuals and society.

**Academic Dishonesty Statement:**

Pensacola State College is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic conduct. All forms of academic dishonesty, to include plagiarism and cheating, are prohibited. Penalties for academic dishonesty include but are not limited to one or more of the following: the awarding of no credit on the assignment, a reduction in the course grade, or the assignment of a final course grade of F and removal from the course. See the College Catalog for more details.

**Student Email Accounts:**

Pensacola State College provides an institutional email account to all students enrolled in courses for credit. PirateMail is the official method of communication, and students must use PirateMail when communicating with the College. In cases where companion software is used for a particular class, email may be exchanged between instructor and student using the companion software.

**Flexibility:**

It is the intention of the instructor to accomplish the objectives specified in the course syllabus. However, circumstances may arise which prohibit the fulfilling of this endeavor. Therefore, this syllabus is subject to change. When possible, students will be notified of any change in advance of its occurrence.

**ADA Statement:**

Students with a disability that falls under the Americans with Disability Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, it is the responsibility of the student to notify Student Resource Center for ADA Services to discuss any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course. Upon completion of registration with the Student Resource Center for ADA Services office, specific arrangements can be discussed with the instructor.

**Equity Statement:**

Pensacola State College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, gender/sex, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information in its educational programs, activities, or employment. For inquiries regarding Title IX and the College's nondiscrimination policies, contact the Executive Director, Equal Opportunity Compliance at (850) 484-1759, Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, Florida 32504.

**Security Statement:**

Pensacola State College is committed to encouraging all members of the College community to be proactive in personal safety measures. In case of emergency, students should ensure that they are aware of the building exit closest to each of their classrooms, as well as all alternative building exits in case circumstances require using a different route.

**Emergency Statement:**

In the case of severe weather or other emergency, the College administration maintains communication with appropriate state and local agencies and makes a determination regarding the cancellation of classes. Notices of cancellation will be made through the College's PSC Alert system and on the College's website.

**Additional Information:**

**Makeup Work:** The opportunity to makeup a missed work is provided at the discretion of the instructor. Factors such as advanced notice and the reason for the missing work will play a role in determining whether or not makeup work is possible. Note also, the instructor is under no obligation to remind students of missing work. Makeup work must be completed within five days past the original due date (excluding weekends and holidays) and will be provided in a format of the instructor's choice. **IMPORTANT:** It is the responsibility of the student to contact the instructor and make arrangements for all makeup work.

**Assignments, Due Dates, etc.:** Important notifications regarding our class will be posted via Canvas Announcements. Please check Announcements frequently. If I need to communicate with you individually I will do so via the Canvas Messaging system. Downloading the Canvas App for students is highly recommended.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance in this course is measured by the submission of all assignments by the stated due date. Students who fail to submit three assignments on time may be withdrawn from the course. When considering withdrawal the instructor will take into consideration various factors, e.g., timely notice and emergencies.

**Communication:** Communication between students and the instructor will be conducted via the Canvas Messaging system.

**Proctorio:** Each of the four tests in this course requires the use of an online identification and security system called Proctorio. Be sure to read the information regarding Proctorio located in the Canvas sidebar (Proctorio Proctoring Information). Follow the instructions, and take the Practice Quiz prior to each test. Successful completion of the Practice Quiz will determine whether or not your computer is configured properly. Do not attempt to take any test on your phone or tablet, and make sure you have a reliable Internet connection.

**Discussion Posts:** Part of your grade in this course will be based on your input via discussion posts. Unless stated otherwise, discussion posts are always due on Sundays at 11:59 p.m.

**Accounts and Passwords:**

All PSC students are given several accounts and passwords soon after they apply and are accepted. PSC is committed to online security and the credentials provided to you are unique. It is important that you memorize this information and not share it with anyone. For more information regarding your PSC credentials, utilize this link: <https://techhelp.pensacolastate.edu>

**Course Calendar (subject to change):**

- Test 1 - Units 1-3 (Monday, September 9)
- Test 2 - Units 4-7 (Monday, October 7)
- Test 3 - Units 8-11 (Monday, November 4)
- Essay - (Sunday, November 24)
- Final Exam (Units 1-16) - See above.

**Holidays (PSC closed):**

- Labor Day, Monday, September 2
- Veterans Day - Monday, November 11
- Fall Break - Wednesday, November 27 - Sunday, December 1