This course will introduce students to some of the themes and characteristics of western culture, such as: aspects on religion, philosophy, politics, and society.

1. Sep. 7 Introduction/Ancient Greek Mythology
2. Sep. 14 Ancient Greek Philosophy
3. Sep. 21 Ancient Greek polis & Democracy
4. Sep. 28 The Rise of Christianity
5. Oct. 5 The Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire
6. Oct. 12 Medieval Islam
7. Oct. 19 Medieval Feudalism
8. Oct. 26 Medieval Papacy versus Empire
9. Nov. 2 Magna Carta & the Liberal Tradition of England
10. Nov. 9 Mid-term Quiz (50%)
11. Nov. 16 Renaissance, Reformation, & Scientific Revolution as Reaction to the Age of Faith
13. Nov. 30 Modern Europe & "The Political Collapse of Europe" & Overall Review

TO BE ARRANGED: FINAL EXAM. (50%)

Assessment Method:

Mid-term Quiz 50%
Final Exam. 50%

References:
Hollister, C. Warren. Roots of the Western Tradition
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Holborn, Hajo. The Political Collapse of Europe

Keywords: western culture, European history

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to
1. describe characteristics of western culture, in terms of religion, philosophy, politics and society;
2. identify important events in cultural development of the world;
3. evaluate critically current issues in the western world on the basis of cultural development.