GENA2112 Characteristics of Western Culture
2020/2021 (2nd Term)
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F8-9 (3:30-5:15pm) *zoom teaching*
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. Jan. 15, 2021    Introduction/Ancient Greek Mythology
2. Jan. 22    Ancient Greek Philosophy
3. Jan. 29    Ancient Greek polis & Democracy
4. Feb. 5    The Rise of Christianity
5. Feb. 12    HOLIDAY
6. Feb. 19    The Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire
7. Mar. 5    Medieval Feudalism
8. Mar. 26    Medieval Papacy versus Empire
10. Apr. 5    Mid-term Quiz (50%) [Back up: Take Home?]
11. Apr. 9    Renaissance, Reformation, & Scientific Revolution as Reaction to the Age of Faith (+ USA I)
13. Apr. 23    Modern Europe & "The Political Collapse of Europe" (+ USA III) & Overall Review

TO BE ARRANGED:
FINAL EXAM. (50%) [Back up: Take Home?]

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.

Topic: GENA2112
Time: Jan 15, 2021 03:30 PM Hong Kong SAR
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