HUMAN 10.3 Course Outline as of Spring 2001

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: HUMAN 10.3 Title: HISTORY OF GOD

Full Title: History of God Last Reviewed: 1/28/2019

Units		Course Hours per Week]	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	15	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: HUMAN 10C

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100.

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive:

E Humanities Fall 1983

CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

C2 Humanities Fall 1983

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

3B Humanities Fall 1981

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1983 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1983 Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Not Certificate/Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

The student will:

- 1. Discover and describe the complex evolution of Christianity as it interacts with Judaism, Islam and other historic ideas and forces.
- 2. Identify seminal thinkers and events and discuss the unique characteristics of their thought over and against the historic circumstances and literary understandings of their own time.
- 3. Discern and discuss the evolution to persistent religious themes and controversies as the recur throughout western history, e.g., orthodoxy and heresy, messianism, the rival hermeneutics of Christianity, Judaism and Islam; concern for the relationship between Faith and Reason.
- 4. Discover and articulate the historic and religious sources of contemporary values and belief systems.
- 5. Recognize the commonality and the wide diversity and debate that exists within and among western religious traditions.

Topics and Scope:

This is an historical survey course which covers most (but never all) of the following selected readings from the sources and personalities named:

- 1. The emergence of rabbinic Judaism and the rise of Christianity: their interdependence and interaction.
- 2. Rabbinic Judaism following the fall of Jerusalem in 70 C.E., the Mishnah and the Talmud and the rabbinic hermeneutic of Hebrew Scripture.
- 3. Christology as the rival hermeneutic of the nascent Christian church.

Christian anti-Judaism and the development of the Adversus Judeos.

- 4. The dialectic of Gnosticism and developing Christian Orthodoxy: Hellenistic dualisms and the perplexities of Christian belief.
- 5. Orthodox apologists: in defense of the Trinity: Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Origen, Ireneas.
- 6. The Romanization of Christianity: the transformation of the church into the state religion: Eusebius, the Creeds; the personal struggle of Jerome.
- 7. Augustine of Hippo: Personal writings The Confessions; On Marriage and Concupiscence; the political writings The City of God.
- 8. Church and State: the rise of the Papacy and the spread of the Western Church; the Donation of Constantine through the Coronation of Charlemagne.
- 9. Pope and Emperor in the middle ages: the development of the Imperial Church, Gregory VII and Henry IV; Dante's De Monarchia; the roots of the Crusades and the Inquistion.
- 10. Heresy: unacceptable popular dissent; Arnold of Brescia, the Albigensians, Dominic and the Crusades. Acceptable ascetic respone: Francis of Assisi.
- 11. Mohammed and the rise of Islam and its relationship to Judaism and Christianity. The Koran, the University and the transmission of classical texts. The success of Islam.
- 12. Jews in the Middle Ages: Spain and Portugal: The Golden Age, the Christian Conquest. The Crusades, the Expulsions and Inquisitions. Medieval anti-Jewish legislation. Jewish survival and mysticism. Devleopments in Jewish history: the East European settlement; the birth of Hasidism; the Enlightenment; the birth of Zionism, the Hololcaust.
- 13. Paths through the Renaissance: Anselm, Maimonides, Aquinas, Erasmus: the debates over Faith and Reason; the rebirth of Reason in Europe: concepts on Natural Law.
- 14. The Protestant Reformation: Luther, Calvin and the Anabaptists.
- 15. Science and the Enlightment: Galileo, Newton and witchcraft, Voltaire and Jefferson. The French Revolution.
- 16. 19th century challenge: Darwin, Hegel, Marx and Freud.
- 17. 20th century responses. Neo-orthodoxy, fundamentalism: the "new" theologies: Liberation; Creation.., etc.

Assignment:

Assignments for Humanities 10.3 include the following:

- 1. Three long take-home essay exams based on each of the three units in the syllabus reader.
- 2. Three short answer quizzes based on each unit of study.
- 3. One 6-10 page term paper involving research or a book report.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Reading reports, Essay exams, Term papers

Writing 50 - 80%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Quizzes, Exams

Problem solving 10 - 25%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items

Exams 10 - 25%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category 0 - 0%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Syllabus reader for Humanities 10.3 by S. Lowe. THE GNOSTIC GOSPEL by E. Pagels, 1st ed., Vintage Books, 1989.