COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: European History Ancient-1789: HIST 1055
CREDITS: 3 (3 Lec/0 Lab)
PREREQUISITES: College-level reading ability required.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
European History Ancient-1789 is a survey of European history from ancient times to the French Revolution (1789). The events of this era are examined from political, economic, military, and social perspectives.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. The Ancient World
   A. The Ancient Near East
   B. Greek Civilization and the Hellenistic world
   C. The Roman Republic and Roman Empire
   D. Rome’s collapse

2. The Medieval World
   A. European civilization in the Early Middle Ages
   B. Recovery and growth in the High Middle Ages
   C. The rise of kingdoms and the church’s power

3. The Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Europe
   A. Europe’s physical and cultural geography in 1200
   B. Political, economic, and social change, 1200-1400
   C. Daily life in medieval Europe
   D. The Crusades and their impact
   E. The Black Plague and the Hundred Years’ War

4. The Renaissance
   A. Trade and commerce in the 14th-15th centuries
   B. Religion, education, and society in 15th century Europe
   C. The Renaissance's impact: Italy
   D. The Renaissance's impact: northern Europe
   E. The age of exploration and discovery

5. The Reformation
   A. The causes of the European Reformation
   B. Martin Luther and the Reformation in Germany
   C. The Reformation in France, the Low Countries, and England
   D. The religious wars, 1500-1650

6. Europe advances, 1400-1650
   A. Developments in agriculture
   B. Developments in technology
   C. Medicine and health in Europe
   D. Daily life in Europe
E. The rise of nation-states in western and eastern Europe

7. The age of science and the Enlightenment
   A. The birth of the sciences: astronomy, physics, mathematics, and biology
   B. The Scientific Revolution: people and their impact
   C. The philosophers and their world
   D. The Enlightenment reformers and their impact

8. The age of absolutism
   A. Absolutism in eastern Europe
   B. Absolutism in western Europe
   C. The case of England
   D. France and the approaching revolution

COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:

1. Students will identify the cultural traits ancient civilizations in the Near East contributed to Western civilization.
2. Students will identify the cultural traits the Roman Republic and Empire contributed to Western civilization.
3. Students will explain the reasons for Christianity’s growth and spread during the early Christian era.
4. Students will list the basic elements of medieval civilization.
5. Students will explain the conditions that produced the growth of kingdoms during the Middle Ages.
6. Students will describe the church’s role in medieval Europe and explain how it maintained its temporal and secular power.
7. Students will explain the Renaissance and Reformation’s causes and their impact on Italy and Northern Europe's political, economic, religious, and artistic life.
8. Students will describe the impact of European exploration on the Americas, Asia, and Africa and the results of these discoveries for Europe.
9. Students will describe daily life in Europe during the 1500s.
10. Students will explain, using Britain, France, Prussia, and Russia as examples, how nation-states developed in western and eastern Europe.
11. Students will describe the birth of the modern sciences (astronomy, physics, mathematics, and biology) and identify the major figures associated with the Scientific Revolution.

MNTC GOALS AND COMPETENCIES MET:
History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
Global Perspective

HCC COMPETENCIES MET:
Communicating Clearly & Effectively
Social/Civic Responsibility
STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis and be prepared to contribute to and participate in class discussions.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SHALL TAKE PLACE USING INSTRUMENTS SELECTED/DEVELOPED BY THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Students may not earn credit for this course if they have previously completed and earned credit for History 1050.

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