

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HIS 243 - HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD (3 CR.)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Studies the history of the ancient world from the dawn of civilization in the Near East to the fall of Rome.
Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

Provide students with a basic understanding of the history of the ancient world with special emphasis on the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations.

ENTRY-LEVEL COMPETENCIES

No prerequisites

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Trace the origins of western civilization.
2. Examine political, social, economic, and philosophical problems that shaped civilization during this period.
3. Explore the cultural similarities and dissimilarities of ancient civilizations.
4. Demonstrate to students the relevance of ancient civilization to the present.
5. Provide a sound base for further study in history, government, philosophy, literature, religion, languages, and the fine arts.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED

1. Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia
2. Civilizations of the Aegean and Asia Minor
3. Iron Age Empires of the Middle East
4. World of the Greek city-states
5. Hellenistic world
6. Roman Republic
7. Roman Empire
8. Origins and development of Christianity

EXTRA TOPICS MAY BE COVERED

1. Prehistoric period
2. Bronze and Iron Age kingdoms in East and South Asia
3. Greek and Roman religion and philosophy
4. Greek and Roman sexuality

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