

## **NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY HIS 243 - HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD I (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. Part I of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

### **General Course Purpose**

Investigate the broad range of social, political, and cultural trends within the ancient world with special emphasis on the ancient Mediterranean.

### **Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

None.

### **Course Objectives**

- a) Examine the political, social, economic, and philosophical problems that shaped ancient civilizations in the Near East and throughout the Mediterranean.
- b) Provide a foundation for future learning in the study of history, government, philosophy, literature, religion, languages, and fine arts.
- c) Introduce students to the historian's craft through independent research and/or writing.
- d) Foster interdisciplinary and critical thinking.

### **Major Topics to Be Covered**

- a) Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia
- b) Civilizations of the Aegean and Asia Minor
- c) Iron Age Empires of the Middle East
- d) World of the Greek city-states
- e) Hellenistic world
- f) Roman Republic
- g) Roman Empire
- h) Origins and development of Christianity