Overview

This course will take you on an exploration of the beginnings and development of Western societies from the Ancient World through the Middle Ages.

About this course

This first year online history course will take you on a fascinating journey through the history of Europe and the Mediterranean from ancient times through 1500 AD. You will learn about a number of cultures and periods, including:

- Egypt and Mesopotamia
- Greece
- Rome
- Judaism
- The Byzantine Empire
- The Rise of Islam
- Medieval Europe

Required prior knowledge and skills

To be successful in this course, we recommend English language fluency and computer literacy.

Learning Outcomes

You will also learn to:

- Critically analyze the development and growth of people economically, socially, culturally, and politically
- Describe the evolving social role that religion plays in European culture
- Explore the changing political systems in Europe and how they impact Western society
- Explain the evolving relations between Europe, the Mediterranean, and the larger world

Additional Info

This course satisfies 3 credit hours toward the Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) and Historical Awareness (H) General Studies requirement for Arizona State University. It is strongly encouraged that you consult with your
institution of choice to determine how these credits will be applied to their degree requirements prior to
transferring the credit.

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