

HUMANITIES (CH)

HISTORY

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PREFATORY STATEMENT

History is the memory of human experience. As a part of the general education curriculum, history helps students identify and assess the significant institutions, events, trends, and individuals that have shaped the experience. Students who have completed general education history courses, and thereby analyzed the chronological, geographical, and cultural contexts within which human events take place, develop a sense of time and place by which they can interpret their own lives more clearly.

Goal I

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the working methods historians use.

Objectives: All students will

1. recognize the different procedures by which historians identify sources, collect evidence, and draw conclusions
2. read and interpret historical works
3. assess critically the values, ideas, and practices drawn from various sources.

Goal II

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the development of particular human societies through the study of the record of the past.

Objectives: All students will

1. describe the major, individuals, groups, and institutions which have helped to shape a society's political, social, and economic development over time
2. identify major historical eras or periods that have combined to help explain the present
3. describe examples of cause-and-effect relationships that connect individuals, groups, and events, and help determine the course of a society's development.