Nebraska Wesleyan University

HIST 2130 Western Civilization Through Literature

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Course Description

A chronological survey of Western Civilization from 1500 to the present, focusing on the literary record which exemplifies changing societies; artistic and literary styles; and philosophical, religious, and political patterns. The course will include a reexamination of Biblical texts in the Reformation, the revival and imitation of classical texts in the Renaissance, absolutism and its critics, the revolutionary and Romantic movements, ethnic minorities, colonialism, the crisis of Western thought in the twentieth century, and the impact of totalitarianism. This also counts as an elective for the Modern Language Studies major. No P/F.

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. History