

FOUNDATIONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION - CERTIFICATE

Our undergraduate certificate program is for students interested in a rigorous grounding in Western culture, reflecting on its traditions and values, and the certificate itself is the equivalent of an inter-disciplinary minor. The program allows students to study Western culture, science and government in their ancient, medieval and modern forms. The curriculum embraces over 30 courses taught by faculty in departments that include art history, classics, English, German, history, humanities, Italian, philosophy, political science and religious studies.

For more information on the program, requirements and current course offerings, visit the Benson Center's Certificate in Western Civilization webpage or contact the Director.

Requirements

The interdisciplinary curriculum of over 30 courses is taught by faculty in departments that include: classics, English, history, philosophy, religious studies, and Germanic languages and literatures.

The certificate requires the completion with a grade of C- or better of eight courses (24 credit hours), of which 12 credit hours must be at the upper-division level. Up to three courses (or 9 credit hours) may come from the student's major.

In addition, students must fulfill the requirements for a BA in a major in a school or college at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Required Courses and Credits

The required courses are offered each year. Students will enroll in one course from each cluster (9 hours total): literature, history and science.

The elective courses are offered regularly, but not each semester. Students are advised to check with the offering department regarding availability. Some courses may have prerequisites. Additional courses may be petitioned for inclusion in meeting certificate requirements through the center director.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
<i>History</i>		3
Select one course from the following:		
HUMN 1120	Introduction to Humanities: Literature 2	
HIST 1011	Greeks, Romans, Kings & Crusaders: European History to 1600	
HIST 1012	Empire, Revolution and Global War: European History Since 1600	
HIST/CLAS 1051	The World of the Ancient Greeks	
HIST/CLAS 1061	The Rise and Fall of Ancient Rome	
CWCV 2000	The Western Tradition	
<i>Science</i>		3
Select one course from the following:		
PHIL 1400	Philosophy and the Sciences	
PHIL 3410	History of Science: Ancients to Newton	
PHIL 3430	History of Science: Newton to Einstein	
CLAS 2020	Science in the Ancient World	

<i>Literature</i>		3
Select one course from the following:		
HUMN 1110	Introduction to Humanities: Literature 1	
ENGL 2503	Medieval and Renaissance	
ENGL 3000	Shakespeare for Nonmajors	
ENGL 3563	Shakespeare in Dialogue	
ENGL 3573	Shakespeare in Performance	
CLAS 1100	Greek and Roman Mythology	
CLAS 1120	Power and Passion in Ancient Rome	
Electives		15
<i>Art</i>		
ARTH 3019	Pompeii and the Cities of Vesuvius	
ARTH 3079	Medieval Art Survey	
<i>Literature</i>		
SPAN 4150	Major Works and Trends in Literature and Culture in Spain Up to 1700	
SPAN 4620	Cervantes	
ITAL 3160	Main Currents of Italian Culture and Literature 1	
HUMN 3310	The Bible as Literature	
HUMN 3505	The Enlightenment: Tolerance and Emancipation	
HUMN 3240	Tragedy	
HUMN 4000	The Question of Romanticism	
HUMN 4110	Greek and Roman Epic	
HUMN 4120	Greek and Roman Tragedy	
HUMN 4130	Greek and Roman Comedy	
HUMN 4140	What the Hell?: Dante's Divine Comedy and the Meaning of Life	
HUMN 4150	Boccaccio's Decameron: Tales of Sex and Death in the Middle Ages	
GRMN 3502	Literature in the Age of Goethe	
FREN 3110	Main Currents of French Literature 1	
FREN 4350	French Enlightenment	
ENGL 3553	Chaucer and the Invention of English Literature	
ENGL 3583	Milton's Worlds	
ENGL 4113	Medieval Worlds	
<i>History</i>		
HIST 4021	Athens and Greek Democracy	
HIST 4031	Alexander the Great and the Rise of Macedonia	
HIST 4061	Twilight of Antiquity	
HIST 4081	The Roman Republic	
HIST 4091	The Roman Empire	
HIST 4122	Europe During the Renaissance	
HIST 4212	The Age of Religious Wars: Reformation Europe, 1500-1648	
HIST 4232	From Revolt to Revolution: Europe in an Age of Global Enlightenment, 1648-1789	
HIST 4320	The History of the Mediterranean, 600 CE-1600 CE	
HIST 4454	Jewish Thought in Modern History	

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HIST 4511 Worlds Transformed: Late Antiquity & the Early Middle Ages in Europe & the Mediterranean

HIST 4521 Europe in the High Middle Ages (1000-1400 A.D.)

Ideas

RLST 3000 Christian Traditions

RLST 3100 Judaism

PHIL 3000 History of Ancient Philosophy

PHIL 3010 History of Modern Philosophy

PHIL 4030 Medieval Philosophy

GRMN 3505 The Enlightenment: Tolerance and Emancipation

GRMN 4502 Nietzsche: Literature and Values

CWCV 4000 Foundations of Western Civilization

Politics

PSCI 2004 Survey of Western Political Thought

HIST/CLAS 4041/ Classical Greek Political Thought

PHIL 4210

Total Credit Hours

24