

**MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE EDUCATION**

EDU 5900.48 – The History of Our Cultures

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- Asynchronous Online

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Course Description:

In The History of Our Cultures, students will embark on a thorough examination of the development, evolution, and impact of human cultures across time and geography. This course will explore the origins, traditions, values, and social structures of various civilizations, spanning from ancient societies to modern cultures. Students will delve into how cultural identities have been shaped by historical events, migrations, religious beliefs, art, language, and technology. The course will also examine the influence of globalization on cultural exchange and the preservation of cultural traditions. Through readings, discussions, case studies, and interactive assignments, students will develop a deeper understanding of how cultures have not only shaped historical events but also continue to influence contemporary society. This course is designed for K-12 educators, with flexible content and assignments that can be adapted for all grade levels. Topics align with SS.E.2.2: World History and will support teachers in creating cross-curricular lessons that enhance student understanding of cultural diversity and global history.

Course Learning Objectives:

1. Examine the origins and evolution of various world cultures across time and geography.
2. Understand how historical events, migrations, and interactions have shaped cultural identities.
3. Analyze the role of religion, art, language, and technology in the development of cultures.
4. Investigate the rise and fall of empires and their impact on global cultures.
5. Explore the effects of globalization on cultural exchange, preservation, and transformation.
6. Develop an understanding of how cultural identities continue to influence contemporary society.
7. Integrate cultural history into curriculum design for K-12 classrooms, promoting cross-cultural awareness.
8. Create a lesson plan that promotes an understanding of cultural evolution and global history.

Course Grading:

Discussion #1: Introduction to the History of Human Cultures (5 pts)

Module #1: Origins of Human Cultures and Early Civilizations (10 pts)

Module #2: The Role of Religion, Art, and Language in Cultural Development (10 pts)

Module #3: The Rise and Fall of Empires: Impact on Cultures (10 pts)

Discussion #2: The Influence of Globalization on Cultural Identity (5 pts)

Module #4: Technology and Cultural Change (10 pts)

Module #5: Case Study: Cultural Exchange and Preservation in the Modern World (10 pts)

Module #6: Examining Cross-Cultural Interactions Throughout History (10 pts)

Module #7: Adapting Cultural History Lessons for K-12 Classrooms (10 pts)

Module #8: Creating a Lesson Plan or Activity on Cultural History (20 pts)