

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course students should:

- Understand several of the methodologies involved in the recovery of the past.
- Understand several of the different ways that history can be perceived and recorded.
- Understand many of the different criteria that might be included in defining a society, culture, nation, or 'civilization'.
- Recognize and be able to discuss key figures and events and key economic/political/architectural/artistic/legal/social/philosophical/geographical/literary/spiritual/popular issues from specific societies covered in the course.
- Recognize and be able to discuss the value of specific primary source documents, and understand the difference between primary sources and secondary sources.
- Recognize and be able to discuss the degree to which the many components of different civilizations might have developed independently.
- Recognize and be able to discuss the degree to which the many components of different civilizations might have emerged from cross-cultural interactions.
- Recognize and be able to discuss the difficulties posed in recovering histories and materials from some civilizations and from some sectors and classes of familiar civilizations.
- Be able to identify and question some of the stereotypes that modern scholars and students impose on past eras and places.