

**Southeastern University**  
**Steelman Library**  
**Department of Classical Studies**  
**HIST 1113 - Humane Letters II**  
**Official Syllabus**

**Catalog Description**

This course is designed to cultivate intellectual, moral, and aesthetic formation through the study of literature, history, and philosophy. Grounded in Socratic dialogue, the course engages students with classic works of the Western tradition in pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. Literature serves as a window into the human heart, history offers insight into human action and rhetoric, and philosophy explores the nature of reality and the good life. Together, these disciplines form a foundation for liberal arts education and support the development of more thoughtful and humane individuals.

Prerequisite: None

Credit Hours: 3

Repeatable: Course not repeatable

**Intended Learning Outcomes**

Students who successfully complete this course will:

1. Analyze major texts in literature, history, and philosophy for their moral, political, and aesthetic significance.
2. Trace the development of political thought with attention to the foundations of the American experiment.
3. Engage in Socratic dialogue through attentive listening, thoughtful questioning, and respectful discourse.
4. Construct well-reasoned, text-based arguments in both written and oral form.
5. Demonstrate growth in the core liberal arts skills of reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking.

**Version History**

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