Course Title: CITIES ACROSS CIVILIZATIONS
Course Code: HST3268
Recommended Study Year*: Second and third-year students
No. of Credits/Term: 3
Mode of Tuition: Sectional approach
Class Contact Hours: 3 hours per week (45/semester)
Category in Major Prog.: Elective
Prerequisite(s): None
Co-requisite(s): None
Exclusion(s): None
Exemption Requirement(s): N/A

Brief Course Description
Comparative in thrust, the course explores the economic, social, and cultural life of several cities with special attention to the 19th and 20th centuries. A selection of historic cities representing are included with the intent of exploring commonalities across civilizations as well as the traits that make for uniqueness.

Aims
Enhance cross-cultural perspectives (Europe and America, China and the West)
Explore links between material life (standard of living) and cultural institutions (educational, artistic, etc.)
Trace pre-modern roots of modern metropolises (enduring infrastructures)
Assess environmental factors in shaping history (population, disease, relief programs)

Learning Outcomes
Develop methods for comparative thinking by comparing different societies
Augment critical reading skills through classroom discussion and essays
Enhance verbal skills through class participation (students discuss assigned readings and present materials related to city of their choice)
Enhance writing skills through exams and essays (mid-term exam for retention of information and final essay for analytical skills)

Indicative Content

II. 19th Century Transitions: commerce and culture – industrial infrastructures, Domestic trade and international commerce, Educational institutions

III. 20th Century metropolises as magnets for the Disenfranchised and hotbeds of revolution

IV. Comparative Issues: religious institutions of the West vs. government in the East

V. The Future: Reconciling culture with commerce

Teaching Method
Lectures including slides and other visuals
Weekly discussion of reading assignments (50-60 pp. per week)
Student presentations on designated city (1 per semester)

**Measurement of Learning Outcomes**
a) Attendance at lecture (Wednesday) and participation in discussion (Friday)
b) Mid-term examination
c) Final paper on city selected by students

**Assessment**
Continuous Assessment 25%
(participation in weekly discussion sections and student presentations)
Mid-term Exam 25%
Final Paper 50%

**Required Readings**


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