

## GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: HIST 413 World Religions and Classical Philosophies (3 Units)

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**Indicate which of the following categories would be satisfied by this course by marking an “X” on the appropriate lines.**  
 Courses may be placed in up to two GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses may be placed in two categories plus the UDIGE category.

	A1: Oral Communication
	A2: English Writing
	A3: Critical Thinking
	B1: Physical Sciences
	B2: Life Sciences
	B3: Mathematics
	B4: Computers and Technology
	C1: Fine Arts
	C2: Literature
	C3: Languages & Cultures
X	D: Social Perspectives
	E: Human Psychological & Physiological Perspectives
X	Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE

Lab Included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets each of the criteria for the selected General Education categories.

- This course studies and compares some major religions and major philosophical schools in the ancient world.
- It examines and compares how different societies and peoples have formed their basic assumptions concerning the universe, faith, human nature and society, and how those fundamental assumptions have affected their chosen modes of thinking, ways of life, organizations of society, forms of government, and approaches to knowledge.
- It strongly emphasizes on students’ improving their analytical thinking and writing skills, and has a series of long and short written assignments throughout the course.