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1. **Course Number:** HIS206
Course Title: Ancient History
2. **Description:** This survey course examines the development of the earliest civilizations of the Near East and Europe, including Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome, including their major historical periods; cultural contributions; and social, political, and economic organization.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Identify and describe key events, trends and geographical locations in the earliest civilizations of the Near East and Europe
 - Explain the development of diverse forms of culture in these early civilizations, including religion, philosophy, science, technology, literature and the arts
 - Describe the social, political and economic organization of early civilizations
 - analyze primary text documents from the civilizations under study and engage with problems of interpretation
 - Describe recurrent social problems such as race, class and gender inequality
 - Evaluate the contributions of ancient civilizations to the modern world
 - Demonstrate analytical understanding of ancient civilizations through written work
4. **Credits:** Three credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Science
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL101 (English Composition I) and a 100-level history course
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Summer
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades are based upon exams, written work, class interest and participation, and attendance.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - The advent of agriculture and the transition from farming communities to towns and cities in the Near East/Mesopotamia
 - The development of the world's first civilizations in the Near East/Mesopotamia
 - The major historical periods and cultural contributions of Near Eastern/Mesopotamian civilization
 - The major historical periods and cultural contributions of Egyptian civilization
 - The major historical periods and cultural contributions of Greek civilization
 - The major historical periods and cultural contributions of Roman civilization
 - The fall of the Roman Empire and its aftermath