Description

What do I get out of joining a learning community?

The courses offered as part of this learning community fulfill two graduation requirements (LAE’s) -- the Core course in the Arts and Humanities of Western Culture and the Western Heritage B category. You will also satisfy a Core Writing Unit requirement. In addition, you will get to know students who share your interest in studying works of European and American literature within the context in which they were produced. You will be encouraged to make connections between Literature (Poetry, Prose & Theatre) and the other humanities fields -- Art, Architecture, Music, Philosophy & Religion.

Application Process: To apply to this learning community, please contact Leigh Williamson at the email or phone number above.

*Note: Admission to “What’s So Great About Western Culture?” is limited to 27 students during the Spring 2008 semester.

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What’s So Great About Western Culture?

Do you ever wish you better understood key works of literature and art and certain events and powerful ideas that have left a strong imprint on life in the Western world?

Do you ever wish that what you are learning in one LAE course could be timed to help you understand in greater depth and with greater clarity the material you are studying in another LAE course?

Two LAE courses for spring, ’08 have been linked with these goals in mind. While you are reading and writing about selected landmark literary works in *English 123, Masterpieces of Literature*, you will be learning about the history, arts, and ideas of the periods that produced them in *Arts & Humanities in Western Culture*. 
Learning Objectives

Upon completion of these linked courses you will be able to:

- Demonstrate ability to interpret literary readings through student panels, projects, and writing
- Appreciate the variety and interconnectedness of the disciplines that comprise the Arts and Humanities
- Develop a knowledge base and critical thinking and writing skills needed to prepare you for advanced college study in any field.

Courses in “What’s So Great About Western Culture?”

IDIS 150 Arts and Humanities in Western Culture

Beginning with the Greeks and the Romans, the course examines the development of Western Culture over the centuries. Students are asked to examine the impact of various cultures, movements, and ideas on the way we live today.

ENGL 123 Masterpieces of Literature (a writing unit course)

Explores common themes of literature and the techniques of their expression. Students participate in panel discussions and focus on the development of writing skills.

What will we do?

- Readings
- Classroom discussion
- Group projects

Who is this program designed for?

The Western Culture learning community is intended for incoming freshmen who have completed English 121 (Composition) and are interested in jointly studying the development of Literature and related areas of the Arts and Humanities in a mutually-reinforcing way. The only requirement is concurrent registration in IDIS 150-4 and ENGL 123-7 to insure that each participant is prepared to make connections across disciplines and to make contributions that draw on knowledge from both classes.