

# MILLSAPS COLLEGE

## MEMO

To: Office of the Registrar, Student Records  
From: Millsaps College, The Heritage Program  
Date: January 1, 2015  
Regarding: Transfer of credits for the Heritage class to other institutions

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### To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this memo is to clarify Millsaps College's assessment of credit for the course known as "Heritage of the West in World Perspective" from the 1990-1991 academic year through the 2014-2015 academic year and to provide our recommendations for transfer credit.

The Heritage Program is an intensive, comprehensive, year-long freshman course in the history of ideas, cultures, religions, creative works, and pivotal problems that have shaped humanity from prehistory to the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Part of our curriculum for over 40 years, the course is a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary course team-taught full time by faculty in 4 major disciplines (History, Literature, Philosophy, Religious Studies) and supplemented by significant faculty participation from Art History, Classics, and Anthropology. Though somewhat similar to a "Western Civilization" course, the material includes many non-Western cultures, is set in a global context, and covers a far wider array of material.

The evaluation of transfer credits is determined by the institution to which a transfer student is applying and is contingent upon that institution's policies and core requirements. However, the recipient school usually accepts the recommendations of the originating school. These are our recommendations:

Course: Heritage of the West in World Perspective (IDST 1118 and IDST 1128)

Overall Credit: 16 semester hours (course counts as 2 classes each semester for 2 semesters)  
History Credit: 4 semester hours (world history)  
Literature Credit: 3 semester hours (world literature)  
Philosophy: 3 semester hours (history of philosophy, introduction to philosophy)  
Religious Studies: 3 semester hours (world religions)  
Fine Arts: 3 semester hours (art history, comparative world art and archaeology history)  
Writing/Composition: No specific recommendation, but the course is writing-intensive, requiring writing and revision of approximately 8-10 short papers (1000 words) and 1-2 major research papers (2500 words) over a year, two of which count for the general writing portfolio requirement

Core Curriculum: Heritage fulfills the college-wide core curriculum requirements for Fine Arts, History, Literature, Philosophy, and Religious Studies

If we can provide you with any further information for your transfer credit assessment (including complete syllabi), we will be more than happy to do so.

Sincerely,

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