Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences

PLAN FOR ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OBJECTIVES

WESTERN CIVILIZATION

DESIGNATED COURSES: 23150, The Greek and Roman World
23160, Medieval and Renaissance Europe
23170, The Age of Revolutions
23180, Modern Europe

LEARNING OUTCOMES: The student will:
- demonstrate knowledge of the development of the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, culture, etc., of Western Civilization; and relate the development of Western Civilization to that of other regions of the world.

ASSESSMENT MEASURES: Beginning in the 2003-4 academic year, in each of the designated courses multiple-choice and short-answer questions will be embedded in exams and quizzes. Each section of each course will utilize the same questions. The questions, written by a departmental committee will assess knowledge of the development of the distinctive features of the history, institutions economy, society, culture, etc., of Western Civilization; and relate the development of Western Civilization to that of other regions of the world, and will be separated from the exams and quizzes for the purpose of assessment. The questions will deal with such topics as Greece; Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the nation state; maritime exploration and colonization, the Commercial Revolution and industrialization, revolutions, imperialism, and wars. At the end of the spring semester, a randomly selected sample of no less than 20% of the student performances will be evaluated by the department, and the results reported to the General Education Committee and the Vice President of Academic Affairs: The department will use the assessment to evaluate courses and procedures, and will consider other assessment tools.

STANDARDS: The criteria for determining student performance in meeting the Learning Outcomes will be the following: 70% or above exceeds the standard, 60-69% meets the standard, 50-59% approaches the standard, below 50% does not meet the standard.