St. Francis Xavier's College
2026/2027
History
Course Outline & Mode of Assessment

Level: Form 1

Term 1

Cycle	Materials	Topics
1-2	Notes: Introduction To History Study	- Introduction to History Studies - What is history? - Why do we study history?
3-4	**Topic 1** Human needs: Past and present **Learning Focus 1** Life in the Stone Age	- Appearance of early human beings - Evolution of the early human livelihood: from nomadism to agriculture
5-7	**Learning Focus 2** Rise of ancient civilizations and their main characteristic	- Definition of civilization - Background of the birth of early civilizations - Distribution and characteristics of the four ancient civilizations
8-10	**Learning Focus 3** Case study in early major civilization	- Nile Valley civilization (Ancient Egypt civilization)

Term 2

Cycle	Materials	Topics
11-12	**Topic 2** The Development of European civilization **Part 1** Classical European civilization: Overview of ancient Greek and ancient Roman civilization **Learning Focus 1** Classical European civilization **Learning Focus 2** The legacy of classical civilization and its meaning for today	- (A) Origin of classical civilization in Europe - (B) Development of ancient Greek civilization - (C) Development of ancient Roman civilization - (A) Governance - (B) Creation of culture
13 -14	**Part 2** Medieval European and the making of Christendom **Learning Focus 3** Feudal society in medieval Europe **Learning Focus 4** The making of Christendom and the Church in the medieval times Civilization and living: Life in medieval Europe [Extended Part]	- (A) Medieval European civilization - (B) Origin of feudal society - (C) Characteristics of feudal society - (D) End of the feudal society - (E) Impact of medieval European civilization - (A) Making of Christendom - (B) Roles of the Church in the medieval times

15-18	**Topic 3** The rise of Islamic civilization and cultural interactions between Europe and Asia in medieval times **Learning Focus 1** The origins, teachings and development of Islam **Learning Focus 2** Cultural contacts between Europe and Asia and spread of Islam in medieval times **Learning Focus 3** Results and impact of the cultural interactions between Europe and Asia	- (A) Origins of Islam - (B) Teachings of Islam - (C) Development of Islam - (A) Background - (B) Forms of contacts (1): Wars - (C) Forms of contacts (2): Trade and commerce - (A) Background - (B) Achievements of Islamic civilization - (C) Spread of European civilization to Asia - (D) Inspiration of Islamic civilization for Europeans
19-20	**Topic 4** History, culture and heritage of early Hong Kong region **Learning Focus 1** Major groups and great clans in Hong Kong region **Learning Focus 2** Case study on intangible cultural heritage in Hong Kong	- (A) History of early Hong Kong region - (B) Introduction to the four major groups - (C) Lifestyle of the four major groups - (A) Understand intangible cultural heritage - (B) Getting to know the lives of local residents in Hong Kong through ICH Choose one out of four Case 1 – Cheung Chau Jiao Festival* Case 2 - Tai O Traditional Dragon Boat Parade* Case 3 - Chiu Chow Hungry Ghost Festival* Case 4 - Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance*
21	Revision	Project Based Learning

Modes of Assessment and Weighting (Term 1) **subject to change*

Modes	Regular Tests	Assignments	Examination
Weights	10%	10%	80%

Modes of Assessment and Weighting (Term 2) **subject to change*

Modes	Regular Tests	Assignments	Project	Examination
Weights	10%	10%	10%	70%