**HIST-6111 History of Knowledge**

The course titled “History of Knowledge” is designed to familiarize the students about the evolution and developments of human societies and their knowledge about cosmos, terrestrial realities, abstract phenomenon, science and technology, language, art and literature. It would discuss the challenges that human being faces over the course of time and how they responded to them. The students are supposed to develop their critical analysis and rational understanding about the evolution and historical developments.

**Contents**

1. Definitions, forms and philosophical understanding of knowledge (Paradigms, Ontology and Epistemology), kinds of progress in knowledge
2. Knowledge, science (physical science and social science), art, literature, and language
3. Philosophy, science and theology
4. Wisdom of Ancients (Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, China, Greece, Rome, Aztec and Inca)
5. Middle Ages and developments pertaining to knowledge
6. Renaissance: a new spirit of knowledge of science, art, literature and social studies
7. Voyage, discoveries and imperialism of Europeans
8. Age of Revolutions (Age of Reason, Industrial Revolution, property, government, freedom, equality and rights)
9. Nineteenth Century: Prelude to modernity
10. Twentieth Century: Democracy, Science and Technology, art and media
11. 21st Century and forthcoming developments

**Recommended Books**

1. Charles Von Dorn, *History of Knowledge: Past, Present and Future,* New York: Ballantine Books, 1991.
2. Thomas Von Stein, *A Complete History of Knowledge: The Struggle Against the Priest,* New York, 2016.

**Suggested Books**

1. Yuval Noah Harari, *Sapiens: History of Mankind,* Canada: McClelland and Stewart, 2014.
2. Yuval Noak Harari, *Homo Dues: A Brief History of Tomorrow,* New York: Harper Collins Publisher, 2016.
3. [Stephen Hetherington,](https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/author/stephen-hetherington) [Nicholas D. Smith,](https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/author/nicholas-d-smith) [Henrik Lagerlund,](https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/author/henrik-lagerlund) [Stephen, Gaukroger,](https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/author/stephen-gaukroger) [Markos Valaris](https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/author/markos-valaris), Philosophy of Knowledge: A History, New York, Bloomsbury, 2018.