Course Information

Division: Social Sciences  
Course Number: HIS 101  
Title: U.S. History to 1877  
Credits: 3  
Developed by: Dr. Patrick D. Lukens  
Lecture/Lab Ratio: 3 Lecture/0 Lab  
Transfer Status:
- ASU: HST 109, Humanities, Arts & Design (HU), Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB), Historical Awareness (H)  
- NAU: HIS 291 also satisfies: Social and Political Worlds [SPW]  
- UA: HIST 160C1 also satisfies: Tier 1 Traditions & Cultures (TRAD)  

Activity Course: No  
CIP Code: 54.0101  
Assessment Mode: Pre/Post Test (65 Questions/65 Points)  
Semester Taught: Fall and Spring  
GE Category: Social Sciences  
Separate Lab: No  
Awareness Course: Yes (GIH)  
Intensive Writing Course: No  

Prerequisites:  
ENG 091 with a grade of “C” or higher or reading placement test score as established by District policy  

Educational Value:  
Transfer students, History or Social Science majors, or any student wishing to broaden his or her knowledge of American History. Fulfills general education requirements. This course fulfills the Global/International/Historical Awareness (GIH) requirement.  

Description:  
Colonial America and the United States from pre-Columbian era to 1877. This course of study includes units on discovery, colonization, the formation of the American Union, Constitutional principles, westward expansion, origins of north/south conflict, the Civil War and Reconstruction. Significant economic and social developments are placed in their historical context.
Supplies
None

Competencies and Performance Standards

1. **Apply theories of interdisciplinary social sciences to historical events and actors.**
   
   **Learning objectives**
   
   *What you will learn as you master the competency:*
   
   a. describe theories historians develop to explain events and issues in history.
   b. describe how historians use anthropological theories to understand pre-history.
   c. describe how historians use sociological theories to understand society.
   d. describe how historians use political science to understand the history of government.

   **Performance Standards**
   
   *Competence will be demonstrated:*
   
   o by objective exams
   o by written assignments

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2. **Describe the pre-colonial era of North America.**
   
   **Learning objectives**
   
   *What you will learn as you master the competency:*
   
   a. describe pre-Colombian Native American cultures and societies.
   b. list early explorers.
   c. describe the impact of contact between Native Americans and Europeans.

   **Performance Standards**
   
   *Competence will be demonstrated:*
   
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3. **Describe the process of European colonization of North America.**
   
   **Learning objectives**
   
   *What you will learn as you master the competency:*
   
   a. list English explorers.
   b. discuss the English motivation for colonization.
c. describe the impact of colonization on Native Americans  
d. trace the development of slavery in the colonies.  
e. describe the religious impetus for colonization of North America.  
f. describe emerging regionalism in the colonial period (north v. south, east v. west)  

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4. Describe the political and economic differences that developed and separated the English crown and the American colonies.  

**Learning objectives**  
*What you will learn as you master the competency:*  
a. describe the system of mercantilism  
b. assess the struggle for North America.  
c. describe the impact of the French/English rivalry on North America  
d. describe the causes of the Revolutionary War.  

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- learner can describe the causes of the Revolutionary War  

5. Describe the American Revolution.  

**Learning objectives**  
*What you will learn as you master the competency:*  
a. assess the outcomes of the major battles of the American Revolution.  
b. describe social changes during the Revolutionary War.  
c. describe political changes during the Revolutionary War.  

**Performance Standards**
Competence will be demonstrated:
  o by objective exams
  o by written assignments
Criteria – Performance will be satisfactory when:
  o learner can assess the outcomes of the major battles of the American Revolution
  o learner can describe social changes during the Revolutionary War
  o learner can describe political changes during the Revolutionary War

6. Analyze the Constitution and Government Institutions during early nationhood.
   Learning objectives
   What you will learn as you master the competency:
   a. relate the rationale behind the Declaration of Independence
   b. describe the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
   c. analyze the compromises between federalists and anti-Federalists in the development of the Constitution
   d. summarize the impact of Madison, Jefferson and Hamilton's goals for the new nation
   e. discuss the impact of the French Revolution on the early American politics
   f. assess the concept of judicial review as it relates to separation of powers
   g. summarize the events surrounding the Louisiana Purchase
   h. assess the outcomes of the major battles of the War of 1812
   Performance Standards
   Competence will be demonstrated:
   o by written assignments
   o by objective exams
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  o learner can assess the outcomes of the major battles of the War of 1812

7. Summarize the Jacksonian Era.
   Learning objectives
   What you will learn as you master the competency:
   a. summarize economic growth in the early 19th century
   b. examine emerging political issues in the context of both economics and slavery
   c. assess the impact of the “Trail of Tears” relocation for both Native Peoples and Anglo-
Americans

Performance Standards

Competence will be demonstrated:

- by written assignments
- by objective exams

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- learner can assess the impact of the “Trail of Tears” relocation for both Native Peoples and Anglo-Americans

8. Summarize Western expansion.

Learning objectives

What you will learn as you master the competency:

- analyze key aspects of Euro-American and Native American contacts throughout the frontier area
- analyze the interest of the US in the Oregon Territory
- discuss Texas independence and its impact on the United States and Mexico
- assess the impact of the Mexican War on both the United States and Mexico

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9. List territorial acquisitions up through the Civil War.

Learning objectives

What you will learn as you master the competency:

- Identify the location of the original 13 colonies
- Describe the impact of the Louisiana Purchase on the new nation
- Assess the importance of the "extra" territory given the US after the Treaty of Paris
- Compare and contrast the paths taken for acquisition of California and Texas
- Show how Manifest Destiny became a reality after the Mexican War

Performance Standards

Competence will be demonstrated:

- by written assignments
10. Analyze the origins of the Civil War.

Learning objectives
What you will learn as you master the competency:

a. describe the economic differences that emerged between the north and the south following 1830
b. describe the philosophical differences that emerged between abolitionists and slave owners
c. summarize the impact of the Compromise of 1850 and the Fugitive Slave Law
e. Summarize the importance of the Kansas-Nebraska Act as a factor leading to the Civil War

Performance Standards
Competence will be demonstrated:

- by written assignments
- by objective exams
- by completion of an assigned paper on a historical theme

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- learner can summarize the importance of the Kansas-Nebraska Act as a factor leading to the Civil War

11. Assess the impact of the Civil War on both the North and South.

Learning objectives
What you will learn as you master the competency:

a. Compare and contrast strengths and weaknesses of the North and the South
b. Analyze strategies employed by the North and the South
c. Illustrate the destructiveness of the war on the infrastructure of the South
d. Describe the effect of emancipation on recently freed slaves and their former masters
e. Assess the northern victory as a defeat for states rights

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Competence will be demonstrated:

- by written assignments
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by completion of an assigned paper on a historical theme

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- learner can assess the Northern victory as a defeat for states rights

12. Assess the aftermath of the Civil War and Reconstruction policies.

Learning objectives

What you will learn as you master the competency:

a. describe conditions in the North and South at the conclusion of the Civil War.
b. evaluate the social, economic and political effects at the end of slavery.
c. summarize the major aspects of Congressional versus Presidential Reconstruction.
d. describe the overall mood of the United States in its centennial year.

Performance Standards

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- by written assignments

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- learner can summarize the major aspects of Congressional versus Presidential Reconstruction
- learner describes the overall mood of the United States in its centennial year.

Types of Instruction

Classroom Lecture
Discussion
Cooperative Learning Exercises
Video Presentations
Multi-Media Presentations
Grading Information

Grading Rationale
Each instructor has the flexibility to develop evaluative procedures and assignments using any combination of the following requirements and suggestions:

Requirements:
1 Pre Test = 0% weight
1 Post Test = 10% minimum weight - 20% maximum weight
3 classroom exams / EACH = 10% minimum weight - 20% maximum weight
Written Project or Projects (i.e. Book Review, Term Paper or Short Papers) totaling at least 1200 words = 10% minimum weight - 20% maximum weight

Instructor Options = 0% minimum weight - 50% maximum weight:
-Instructor may assign administrative points for such items as attendance or participation
-Instructor may assign additional assignments related to written projects (outline, bibliography, rough drafts, etc.)
-Instructor may assign Internet Resource Modules
-Instructor may assign short written assignments
-Instructor may distribute points to quizzes
-Instructor may insert a fourth classroom exam (must be weighted equally to the other three classroom exams)
-Instructor may assign book reviews and term paper
-Instructor may assign work from Primary Document Readers

Grading Scale
A  90-100%
B  80-89%
C  70-79%
D  60-69%
F  0-59%