

**Syllabus**  
**HIST2020**  
**AMERICAN HISTORY II**  
**2017**

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## **I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

Course Number: HIST 2020  
Course Title: American History II  
Prerequisite: None

### **Catalog Description:**

A survey of American history from the end of the Civil War era to the present. Emphasis is on the political, economic, cultural, social, and technological issues that arise in America's development as a global power.

Semester Hours/Quarter Hours: 3/ 4.5  
Lecture/Classroom Hours: 45  
Contact Hours per Week: 3

## **II. COURSE OBJECTIVES/COMPETENCIES:** Course will

- A. Explore the fundamental themes of American history from 1865 to the present
- B. Demonstrate how geography influenced the course of American history
- C. Introduce and explain the major time periods in American history
- D. Explain the interaction of various forces in American history and how these influenced the future
- E. Evaluate historiography to recognize changing viewpoints and historical interpretations
- F. Conduct original historical research/writing by interpreting and drawing conclusions from primary and/or secondary sources

## **III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Student will be able to

- A. Increase knowledge of the basic periodization and central themes in United States history
- B. Develop their ability to critique historical issues and interpretations from a variety of perspectives
- C. Analyze historical data reach informed conclusions
- D. Understand the history of the United States in a global context
- E. Understand the difference between primary and secondary sources
- F. Strengthen verbal and written communication skills

## **IV. COURSE CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE**

- A. Introduction to History
- B. Reconstruction and the New South
- C. The Gilded Age
- D. Industrialization and Urbanization

- E. The New West and Agrarian Protest
- F. American Imperialism
- G. The Progressive Era
- H. The Great War: World War I
- I. The Roaring Twenties
- J. The Great Depression and the New Deal
- K. America and World War II
- L. The Cold War and Rise to Globalism
- M. The 1950s and the Rise of the Civil Rights Movement
- N. The Stormy Sixties
- O. The Unsettling Seventies
- P. Conservative Response
- Q. In the New Millennium

## V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Required Text(s): Select from the most current edition of one or more of the following textbooks.

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| 1. <i>America: A Narrative History</i> | 10 <sup>th</sup> ed | by Tindall and Shi   |
| 2. <i>The American Journey</i>         | 8 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Goldfield, et al. |
| 3. <i>America: A Concise History</i>   | 6 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Henretta, et al.  |
| 4. <i>The American Past</i>            | 10 <sup>th</sup> ed | by Conlin, et al.    |
| 5. <i>The American People</i>          | 8 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Nash, et al.      |
| 6. <i>Created Equal</i>                | 5 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Jones, et al.     |
| 7. <i>Experience History</i>           | 7 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Davidson, et al.  |
| 8. <i>Making America</i>               | 7 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Berkin, et al.    |
| 9. <i>The American Promise</i>         | 5 <sup>th</sup> ed  | by Roark, et al.     |
| 10. <i>Visions of America</i>          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed  | by Keene, et al.     |

## VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION

Instructors are encouraged to make use of various pedagogical techniques, including several of the following: lectures, group discussions, collaborative projects, research, essays, technology based instruction, multi-media presentations, and field trips.

## VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

Course grades, at the determination of the instructor, will be based on class and group presentations, daily work, exams, projects, papers, and/or portfolios. The instructor will distribute and discuss evaluation and grading policies with students at the beginning of each term.

## **VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Content, order, and schedule determined by the instructor.