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General Syllabus

HIST 21103 United States History I

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The history of the United States from the colonial times to 1877. It is not necessary to take the second course, HIST 21203, to receive credit for the first course.
(ACTS: HIST 2113)

B. Additional Information

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe native cultures in America prior to colonization.
2. Focus on the initial process of English colonization.
3. Describe how the United States gained independence and developed new principles of government.
4. Explain the westward expansion of the nation.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the regional issues of the antebellum period.
6. Explain the coming of the Civil War and its impact on national identity

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences within America and other nations by exploring social, cultural, political, and economic factors.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will use a formal documentation style for written presentation of research

projects. Students will discuss particular aspects of colonial and antebellum history in their writing.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. A brief examination of America's earliest peoples
- B. The development of colonial intent by European powers
- C. The road to America's break with England
- D. Native American relations
- E. Slavery
- F. Transportation and western migration
- G. The political structure of regional disputes
- H. Industrial revolution and trade policy
- I. The social contrast of the various sections
- J. African American society and abolitionist
- K. Immediate causes of the Civil War
- L. The impact of the Civil War