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General Syllabus

HIST 212H3 United States History II HONORS

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 0 Laboratory or other types of hours: 3

Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Miles Friedman Honors program.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Covers the development of the United States from 1862 to the present. The political development along with the industrial growth of the United States and the international relations of the period is emphasized. In the honors section, all of the above will be discussed in the light of their impact on society.

B. Additional Information

This course is a study which will instill a basic knowledge of the history and culture of American society from 1876 to the present and assist the student in learning how to critically examine the leading ideas and theories regarding the same. The students will then be encouraged to begin to formulate their own impressions of the American experience.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Discuss topics in American history and to critically evaluate the major interpretations and schools of thought.
2. Explain the emergence of America as a world power and the origins of the cold war.
3. Describe the development of post WWII American culture.
4. Appreciate how the study of history should influence present decision making both on a personal and a corporate level.
5. Think critically and objectively while utilizing the insights of history in forming one's independent positions on critical social, religious, and political issues of today.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems regarding major events in US History.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with about a variety of issues in US history. To write effective arguments involving the Progressive Era and the Civil Rights movement.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The West in the Life of the Nation
- B. Urbanization of America
- C. Progressivism
- D. America as a World Power
- E. The Twenties
- F. Roosevelt and the New Deal
- G. The Cold War
- H. The Sixties and Vietnam
- I. Disillusion and Uncertainty