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**General Syllabus**

**HIST 34233 The New Republic: U.S. 1787-1824**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

The formation of the Constitution, the emergence of American political institutions, economic and social development, and nationalism.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

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

1. Evaluate the historical significance of ideas, concepts, individuals, and events in the history of the United States from 1787 to 1824.
2. Describe the concept of government as defined in the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.
3. Define the rights and responsibilities of citizens set forth in the Constitution.
4. Discuss the balance of power between branches of the government.
5. Describe the economic outlook of the United States between 1787 and 1824 and the controversy between those who favored industrial development and those who favored an agricultural emphasis.
6. Use tools of historical analysis to complete research projects about American history, society, and culture during the early Republican period.
7. Describe and explain the complexity of both change and continuity over time in American society and culture.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will examine how events and ideas in American society, culture, and government evolved during the period from 1787-1824, as well as determine the contributions of Americans of this period to modern American society.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will use the essay format for written presentation of research projects and for exams. Students will participate in class discussions relating to American history of the early Republican period to enhance their ability to answer essay exam questions.

**Analytical Skills****Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will synthesize materials from various sources to complete research projects and construct answers to essay examination questions.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. The Background of Society and Thought in Republican America
- B. The Constitution of 1787: Convention, Ratification and Implementation
- C. The Washington Administration: the Emergence of the First American Party System
- D. The Adams Administration: the Diplomatic Difficulties of Fledgling Nation
- E. The Jefferson Administration: the Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark, and Westward
- F. Expansion
- G. The Madison Administration: the War of 1812 and the Emergence of American Nationalism
- H. The Monroe Administration: Postwar Political Consensus I. Society and Culture in Early 19th Century America