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General Syllabus

HIST 34333 Age of Jackson: U.S. 1824-1848

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The development of democracy in the Jacksonian period, social and cultural aspects of American life, and westward movement, and the Mexican War.

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 1824 to 1848.
2. Describe the political philosophies and evolution of political parties in the United States between 1824 and 1848.
4. Analyze the role of cotton in the evolution of the Southern economy.
5. Describe the systems of free labor and slavery.
6. Use tools of historical analysis to complete research projects about American history, society, and culture during the Jacksonian 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 1824 to 1848, as well as to 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 Jacksonian 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. Jackson: The Man, the Myth, and the Symbol for an Era
- B. The Market Revolution in 19th Century America
- C. Democracy, Depression, and the Origins of the Jacksonian Movement
- D. The John Quincy Adams Administration
- E. The Jackson Administration: Indian Removal, the Bank War
- F. Revivalism, Social Reform, and the Rise of the Whig Party
- G. The Van Buren Administration
- H. The 1840s: A Decade of Conquest