

SOPHIA Learning

HIST1002: United States History II (3 semester credits)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sophia's US History II course will build student knowledge of key events and figures in the history of the United States from the post Reconstruction era through 2015. This course emphasizes critical thinking skills and consideration of multiple perspectives through the analysis of primary sources. Additionally, students will learn how to think like a historian by utilizing primary and secondary sources to better understand historical events and applying a historian's lens to real world and modern day situations.

Course Effective Dates: September 2017 - Present

Prerequisite(s): Lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category – no prerequisites

Length of course: This is a self-paced course. Students have 60 days with an additional 30 day extension (if needed) to complete the course.

ACE CREDIT® Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category 3 semester hours in US History II (since 1877) (7/17).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Interpret or analyze a primary source to draw conclusions about a historical event.
2. Apply different historical lenses in order to critically analyze historical events through a variety of perspectives.
3. Understand the historian's craft and tools that historians use to analyze and interpret history.
4. Draw connections between events of the past and the present.
5. Understand the economic, social, political, and cultural climate of the period following Reconstruction in the United States through modern day.
6. Recognize ways in which political and cultural trends helped to shape American politics.
7. Understand factors that lead to the US involvement in foreign wars and the role the US played in each war.
8. Understand the people, successes, and movements associated with Civil Rights during the mid 20th century.
9. Identify the primary initiatives, accomplishments, or downfalls of the presidential administrations between the era of reconstruction and modern day.
10. Recognize ways in which political parties and practices have evolved over time between the era of reconstruction and modern day.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- The Historian's Practice
- Western Conquest and Indian Assimilation
- Homesteading: Dreams and Realities
- The West and the South: 1877-1900
- Industrialization and Consumer Culture
- The Gilded Age

- The Era of Industrialization: 1877-1900
- The Election of 1896
- Populism
- The Creation of an American Empire
- Theodore Roosevelt and the Square Deal
- The Progressive Era
- The Roaring 20s
- The Great Depression
- Roosevelt's New Deal
- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Civil Rights Movement
- Culture, Politics, and Economics of the 1960s
- Johnson's Vision: The Great Society
- Culture, Politics, and Economics of the 1970s
- The Watergate Scandal
- The End of the Cold War
- The Reagan 80s
- A New World Order
- Globalization and the American Economy
- America during the 1990s
- Immigration in the 20th Century
- 9/11 and the War on Terror
- America and the World in the 21st Century

GRADING

This is a pass/fail course. You are required to complete all 16 formative and 4 summative assessments with an overall course average of 70% or better.