

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: History
2. Course Number: HIS 131
3. Course Title: UNITED STATES HISTORY to 1877
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Study of the peoples and forces that comprise the history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the end of Reconstruction (1877). General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Special Requirements: Contemporary Global/International Awareness OR Historical Awareness, Ethnic/Race/Gender Awareness Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

This course introduces the student to the history of the United States from the pre-Colombian period to the end of Reconstruction. Emphasis is given to the contributions of Native Americans, Europeans and Africans in creating the American society. The course will also deal with the political and economic development of the United States through an examination of the revolution, the constitution, the institution of slavery and the development of the agrarian and industrial sectors. Special emphasis is placed upon the impact of the past upon the United States of today.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Explain the complexity and diversity of American society during this period.
2. Explain and analyze the colonial process and the motivation behind the process.
3. Describe and appraise the American Revolution, its causes and its consequences.
4. Identify and explain the contributions of Native Americans and the European and African immigrants to American society.
5. Describe and analyze the institution of slavery in America, the causes for it, and the reasons for its demise.
6. Discuss and examine the Civil War, its causes and course, and the Reconstruction.
7. Explain the evolution of American political institutions.
8. Describe the evolution of the American economy and its impact on American culture.
9. Utilize the historical evidence and theories presented in this course to explain present-day America.

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D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Will include:

1. Presentation or discussion of listed outcomes in clear written or oral form.

E. Course Content:

Will include:

1. Native American civilizations before Columbus
2. The Age of Discovery and the Colombian Exchange
3. The European colonization of the Americas.
4. The Evolution of the British colonies.
5. The American Revolution and the development of American political institutions.

6. Slavery and the early American economy.
7. The development of American culture.
8. Crisis in American political institutions and the Civil War.
9. Reconstruction and the races.