



El Camino College
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD – Official

Course Acronym:	HIST
Course Number:	C1001H
Descriptive Title:	United States History to 1877 - Honors
Division:	Behavioral and Social Sciences
Department:	History
Course Disciplines:	History
Catalog Description:	This course is a historical survey of the United States, from Indigenous North America to the end of Reconstruction. The course also introduces students to historical reasoning skills. This is an honors course. Note: Students may take either History C1001H or History C1001. Duplicate credit will not be awarded.
Prerequisite:	
Co-requisite:	
Recommended Preparation:	Eligibility for English C1000 or equivalent
Enrollment Limitation:	
Hours Lecture (per week):	3
Hours Laboratory (per week):	0
Outside Study Hours:	6
Total Course Hours:	54
Course Units:	3
Grading Method:	Letter Grade only
Credit Status:	Credit, degree applicable
Transfer CSU:	Yes
Effective Date:	fall 2018
Transfer UC:	Yes
Effective Date:	fall 2018
General Education: ECC	Area 2A - Social and Behavioral Science
Term:	
Other:	
CSU GE:	Area C2 - Arts and Humanities - Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English

Term:	
Other:	
IGETC:	Area 3B - Humanities, Area 4 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
Term:	
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Student Learning Outcomes:	SLO #1: Students will develop and persuasively argue a historical thesis in a written assignment that identifies and explains major social, economic, political and/or cultural themes or patterns in United States history to 1877. SLO #2: Students will apply appropriate historical methods to analyze and use primary and/or secondary sources as evidence to support the thesis in an essay addressing issues in United States history to 1877.
Course Objectives:	<i>At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to (Identical and Required):</i> 1. Demonstrate the ability to interpret primary and secondary sources and to compose an argument which uses supportive evidence. 2. Demonstrate an understanding of U.S. History through analytical categories such as race, class, gender, sexuality, ethnicity. 3. Analyze economic, political, and cultural developments as well as social movements and assess their historical significance. 4. Analyze the relevance of Early American History to the present day.
Major Topics:	Themes may include but are not limited to class, race, gender, and ethnicity; immigration; systems of labor; intellectual, technological, environmental, social, and cultural history; and foreign relations. 1. Introduction to basic methods of historical research and analysis. 2. Indigenous peoples, cultures, and lands. 3. European colonization. 4. Indentured servitude, chattel slavery, and the evolution of colonial labor systems. 5. Establishment and maturation of diverse colonial settlements and populations. 6. Colonial policies and imperial rivalries in North America and their implication for settlements. 7. The American Revolution. 8. The formation of the United States government from the Articles of Confederation through the ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. 9. The Early Republic including the meanings of democracy; political parties; economic and territorial expansion. 10. Sectionalism, expansion of slavery, and the Market Revolution in Antebellum America. 11. Manifest Destiny, the War with Mexico and its aftermath, and Indigenous policy. 12. Second Great Awakening, Abolitionist Movement, Women's Rights and other Antebellum Revival and Reforms. 13. Crisis of the 1850s and the coming of the Civil War.

14. The Civil War.
15. Reconstruction.

Part 2:

I. Pre-Columbian Native American Society in North America (3 hours, lecture)

A. Cultural Patterns

B. Achievements

II. European Expansion into North America in the Age of Discovery (6 hours, lecture)

A. Motives for Expansion

B. Spanish Exploration and Conquest in the Americas

C. French Exploration in Canada and the Mississippi Valley

D. Early English Colonization of North America

III. Colonial English America (6 hours, lecture)

A. Types of Colonies

B. Economies of Agriculture and Commerce

C. Colonial Political Structures

D. Colonial Society and Culture

1. Religious Diversity

2. Ethnic Diversity

3. Women

4. Socioeconomic Stratification

IV. American Independence Movement, 1775-1783 (6 hours, lecture)

A. Causes

1. Conflict Over Political Philosophy and Systems

2. Economic Grievances

B. Declaration of Independence

C. The Revolutionary War

1. Military Campaigns

2. Role of Spain and France

3. Outcome of the War

V. The New Nation, 1783-1800 (3 hours, lecture)

A. Politics

1. Articles of Confederation

2. Political Debates: Federalists and Anti-Federalists

3. The Constitution

4. The Political Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities

B. The Status of Women and Republican Motherhood

VI. The Young Nation (6 hours, lecture)

A. Politics

1. Federalism: Hamilton, Washington, and Adams

2. Thomas Jefferson, Jeffersonian Democracy and the Agrarian Nation

B. Foreign Policy

1. Foreign Relations with England and France

2. Westward Expansion and Native Americans

3. The War of 1812

4. The Monroe Doctrine

C. Early American Cultural Developments

D. Regionalism: Contrasting Social, Political and Economic Conditions

VII. Expansion and Reform, the Mid-1800s (6 hours, lecture)

A. Politics

1. Andrew Jackson and Jacksonian Democracy

2. Political Parties

B. Economic Growth: Manufacturing and Agriculture

C. Urbanization

D. European Immigration, Nativism and Assimilation

E. Reform Movements

F. Early Women's Movement

G. Cultural Developments

H. Indian Policy

VIII. Westward Expansion, 1845-1860 (6 hours, lecture)

A. Manifest Destiny and Ideologies of Expansion

B. The Acquisition of Territory in the West

1. Texas, Oregon and Florida

2. The Mexican American War

3. Indian Wars

C. Society in the West

1. Cultural, Racial and Ethnic Diversity

2. Mining, Agriculture and Cattle Ranching

3. The Railroad

4. The Impact of U.S. Conquest on Native Americans and Mexicans

IX. Slavery and the Old South (3 hours, lecture)

A. The Rise of Cotton and the Southern Economy

B. Slavery

1. The Expansion of Slavery

2. Slave Society

3. Slave Culture

4. Slave Resistance

C. Southern White Society: Social Structure and Culture

X. The American Civil War, 1861-1865 (6 hours, lecture)

A. The Coming of the Civil War

1. Sectional Conflict of the 1850s

	2. The Causes of the Civil War 3. Abraham Lincoln and the Outbreak of the War B. Military Campaigns C. The Outcome of the Civil War XI. Era of Reconstruction, 1865-1877 (3 hours. Lecture) A. Political Conflict and Competing Reconstruction Plans B. Federal Government Reconstruction C. State Government Reconstruction D. African Americans during Reconstruction E. Success and Failures of Reconstruction
Total Lecture Hours:	54
Total Laboratory Hours:	0
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A.1. Primary Methods of Evaluation (Part 1 - CCN courses only):	Methods of formative and summative evaluation used to observe or measure students' achievement of course outcomes and objectives must include academic writing and research. Additional methods of evaluation are encouraged and at the discretion of local faculty and may incorporate assessments and exercises such as journals, quizzes, discussions, group work, and presentations.
A.2. Primary Method of Evaluation (Part 2 - all courses; choose one):	1) Substantial writing assignments
Typical Assignment Using Primary Method of Evaluation:	Drawing from your textbook, write a six-page essay that explores how and why work (free and unfree, paid and unpaid) evolved from 1800-1861. Based on your analysis of this era, what feature of work was most important and why? Your essay must make an argument and be supported with evidence from the readings and course material.
Critical Thinking Assignment 1:	In an eight- to ten-page essay, compare and contrast the political goals of the north with those of the south in the period from 1820-1877. Be sure to discuss individuals, political parties, and legislative examples in your essay. Your essay must make an argument and be supported with evidence from the readings and course material.
Critical Thinking Assignment 2:	Using <i>The Devil in the Shape of a Woman: Witchcraft in Colonial New England</i> by Carol F. Karlsen and in <i>The Devil's Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692</i> by Mary Beth Norton, write an eight-page take-home essay that compares the two historical interpretations in an answer to this question: Was the Salem witchcraft hysteria caused by a fear of women? Your essay must make an argument and be supported with evidence from the readings and, when relevant, course materials.
Other Evaluation Methods:	Essay Exams, Matching Items, Multiple Choice, Presentations, Research papers and projects, True/False, exhibits, Written Homework and Quizzes

Instructional Methods:	Discussion, Lecture, Multimedia presentations, group work
If other:	
Work Outside of Class:	Do required reading, complete Canvas work and assignments (if Canvas is used), and assignments
If Other:	
Up-To-Date Representative Texts:	Representative Texts: Howard Zinn. 2016. <i>A People's History of the United States</i>. Harper Perennial. [Discipline standard] Carnes, Mark C. and John A. Garraty. 2021. <i>The American Nation</i>. Pearson. Corbett, P. Scott, Janssen Volker, John Lund "U.S. History. OpenStax Free Textbooks Online." (OER). 2024. Faragher, John Mack, Mari Jo Buhle, et al. 2021. <i>Out of Many: A History of the American People</i>. Pearson. Foner, Eric, Kathleen DuVal, and Lisa McGirr. 2022. <i>Give Me Liberty!</i> W.W. Norton Company. Goldfield, David, Carol Abbott, et al. 2021. <i>The American Journey</i>. Pearson. Kamensky, Jane, Carol Sheriff, et al. 2017. <i>A People and a Nation: A History of the United States</i>. Cengage. Kennedy, David M. and Lizabeth Cohen. 2024. <i>The American Pageant</i>. Cengage Learning. Locke, John and Ben Wright. American Yawp (OER). Stanford University Press. Murrin, John, Pekka Hämäläinen, et al. 2019. <i>Liberty, Equality, Power</i>. Cengage Learning. Nash, Gary, Julie Roy, et al. 2023. <i>The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society</i>. Pearson. Roark, James L., Michael P. Johnson , et al. 2022. <i>The American Promise</i>. Bedford/St. Martin's. Tindall, George Brown and David E. Shi 2022. <i>America: A Narrative History</i>. W.W. Norton & Company.
Alternative Texts:	
Required Supplementary Readings:	
Other Required Materials:	
Requisite:	
Category:	

Requisite course(s): List both prerequisites and corequisites in this box.	
Requisite and Matching skill(s): Bold the requisite skill. List the corresponding course objective under each skill(s).	
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Enrollment Limitations and Category:	
Enrollment Limitations Impact:	
Course Created by:	
Date:	
Original Board Approval Date:	12/18/2017
Last Reviewed and/or Revised by:	John Baranski
Date:	09/26/2025
Last Board Approval Date:	12/16/2026
Effective Term:	FA 2026