

History 102

United States History from 1877 to the Present

3 unit; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for English 1A

Degree applicable Transfer CSU and UC

This course is a chronological survey of American history from 1877 to the present, focusing on American social, intellectual, political, economic, and diplomatic institutions. Major topics include culture, ethnic and racial diversity, and the role of the United States within the context of world history.

Students may take either History 102 or History 102H. Duplicate credit will not be awarded.

Course Objectives:

1. Describe and assess the process by which the United States was economically transformed and modernized in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
2. Evaluate major American political, religious, and cultural values for the 1877 to 1914 period.
3. Compare and contrast the changing demography of America from 1877 to 1914 and from 1945 to the present.
4. Determine the processes of assimilation and acculturation expected of immigrants to the United States from 1900 to the present.
5. Discuss and evaluate the interaction of majority and minority groups from the 20th century to the present.
6. Identify and analyze the causation, sequence of events, concepts, development, and impact of various American political reform movements, such as Populism, Progressivism, the New Deal, the Fair Deal, Civil Rights, and the Great Society.
7. Conceptualize and discuss the meaning of conservatism, liberalism, and radicalism in American history from the post World War II era to the present.
8. Discuss the evolution of gender roles and evaluate the efforts and impact of feminists in the United States from 1877 through the contemporary period.
9. Summarize and analyze the development of American foreign policy since 1890, including imperial expansion and the rise of the United States as a world power and leader among a large community of nations.
10. Trace and evaluate United States diplomacy and armed conflict through isolationism, imperialism, and collective security policies from the 20th century to the present.
11. Compare and contrast the core political and philosophical ideas and modes of expression in American culture from the 20th century to the present.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

1. Developing and Arguing a Persuasive Historical Thesis
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 from 1877 to the present.
2. Applying Historical Methods to Source Analysis

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 from 1877 to the present.

ADA Statement:

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Student Code of Conduct

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Student Rights and Grievances Procedure 5530

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