

History 129

History of Los Angeles

3 unit; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: English 1 or eligibility for English 1A or qualification by appropriate assessment
Degree applicable Transfer CSU and UC

This course surveys the political, social, and economic history of Los Angeles from its earliest settlement by Native Americans to the present. Topics include environmental issues, urban development, race and ethnicity, the entertainment industry, and the media's portrayal of Los Angeles. Special emphasis is given to the expanding role of Los Angeles as a global city that is a destination for diverse immigrant populations and a center of international commerce.

Course Objectives:

1. Assess the significance of the environment and geographical location in the development of Los Angeles.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
2. Compare and contrast the motives of the Gabrielino Indians and the Spanish for settling in the Los Angeles Basin and discuss each group's interaction with the natural environment.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
3. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Spanish Mission and Mexican Rancharo systems and analyze the impact of these institutions on the Gabrielino Indians and the city of Los Angeles.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
4. Trace the arrival of settlers from the United States and evaluate their impact on the environment, race relations, the economy and politics during the second half of the nineteenth century.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
5. Discuss ways in which city "boosters" attracted newcomers to Los Angeles in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
6. Evaluate the economic growth of Los Angeles in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and its impact on the development of the urban infrastructure.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
7. Describe political corruption in local Los Angeles politics during the first half of the twentieth century, and the successes and failures of reform movements to end the corruption.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
8. Evaluate the cause and effects of social movements (women, labor, radical, reform) in Los Angeles and the conservative resistance of the economic and political elite.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
9. Describe the development of the film industry in New York City and relocation to Los Angeles, and its impact on the social and economic life of the city and world.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers

10. Discuss the impact of the Great Depression on Los Angeles and the City's response to poverty within the national context of the New Deal.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
11. Compare the glowing portrayal of Los Angeles created by boosters at the turn of the century with the apocalyptic, noir vision that emerged in film and literature in the mid-twentieth century.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
12. Trace the relationship between the Los Angeles economy and military spending by the federal government during World War II, the Cold War, and post-Cold War periods.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
13. Explain the explosive growth of suburbs during the postwar period.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
14. Determine the extent to which urban growth in Los Angeles was guided by urban and community planning.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
15. Assess the role of Mexican Americans, African Americans and Asian Americans in the social, political and economic life of the city during the second half of the twentieth century.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
16. Analyze the impact of the Federal Immigration Act of 1965 on Los Angeles, how the city has dealt with immigrants and how immigrants have shaped Los Angeles since 1965.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
17. Assess the institutional response to major issues (crime, traffic, education, drought) in the late twentieth century and how residents tried to address these problems.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams, reading reports, term or other papers
18. Identify and analyze critical issues facing Los Angeles in the twenty-first century.
 - Other (specify)
 - Essay exams

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 the history of Los Angeles.
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 the history of Los Angeles.

ADA Statement:

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Student Code of Conduct

<https://www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/2019-policies/AP%205500%20Student%20Conduct%20.pdf>

Student Rights and Grievances Procedure 5530

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