Course Description

Surveys United States history from its beginning to the present. Part II of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

Surveys the general history of the United States from 1865 to the present and allows students to reach a basic understanding of the characteristic features of the United States' historical development in the late 19th, 20th & early 21st centuries. Students will learn about some of the important political, economic, social, intellectual, cultural and religious changes that shaped the development of the United States since 1865.

Course Prerequisite/Corequisite

None

Course Objectives

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

- Establish a chronology of historical events in American History from 1865 to present. (Addresses General Education Objectives c and d under Information Literacy.)
- Explain the changing geo-political structures of the United States from 1865 to the present. (Addresses General Education Objective a and e under Culture and Social Understanding.)
- Define the importance of key individuals and developments in American history from 1865 to present. (Addresses General Education Objective c and d under Information Literacy.)
- Identify the social, economic and political forces at work in the evolution of modern/recent American history. (Addresses General Education Objectives a and e under Cultural and Social Understanding.)
- Recognize and describe the significance of some of the cultural achievements of modern/recent American history. (Addresses General Education Objective c under Culture and Social Understanding.)
- Analyze complex historical sources and materials and reach conclusions based on interpretations of those materials. (Addresses General Education Objectives a and b under Communication and Objective d under Critical Thinking.)

Major Topics to be Included

- Reconstruction & the Creation of Jim Crow
- Economy & Society in the Gilded Age
- Populism & Progressivism
- American Expansionism and Imperialism
- World War I
- The New Era-1920s
- Great Depression & the New Deal
- World War II
- The Cold War
- America and Vietnam
- Post War America (1945-1970)-Suburbia & Civil Rights
- The Rise of Conservatism
- Since 1980