

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIS 122 – UNITED STATES HISTORY II (3 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Surveys United States history from its beginning to the present. Part II of II. **This is a Passport Transfer Course.**  
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