

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIS 281-282 - HISTORY OF VIRIGINA I-II (3 CR.) (3 CR.)**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Examines the cultural, political, and economic history of the Commonwealth from its beginning to the present. HIS 281 Examines the cultural, political, and economic history of the Commonwealth from its beginnings to the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1788. HIS 282 Examines the cultural, political, and economic history of the Commonwealth from the Early National period to the present. Preferable, but not mandatory, that courses be taken sequentially. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE**

HIS 281

Examine Virginia's political, economic, and social growth during the colonial and Revolutionary period with an emphasis on the contributions the state has made to the growth of the nation as well as insight into the problems that Virginia has addressed during this time.

**ENTRY-LEVEL COMPETENCIES**

No prerequisites. College-level reading and writing skills expected.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. Interpret Virginia's important role in the early development of the United States.
2. Discuss the impact of race, class, gender and religion on the development of early Virginia.
3. Interpret Virginia's early history through the first hand observation of historic artifacts.
4. Describe the creation and development of Virginia's economic, social and political institutions.
5. Meet the state certification needs of primary and secondary teachers.

Upon successful completion of HIS 282, students will be able to:

1. Interpret the history of Virginia in the larger context of American History.
2. Discuss the impact of race, class and gender on the development of Virginia during the 19th, 20th and early 21st centuries.
3. Describe Virginia's important role in major events such as the Civil War, the Jim Crow era, and the Civil Rights ear.
4. Interpret the history of Virginia through the first hand observation of historic artifacts.
5. Meet the state certification needs of primary and secondary teachers.

**MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED** – HIS 281

1. Pre-colonial Virginia
2. Jamestown
3. Bacon's Rebellion
4. Origins and growth of slavery
5. Golden age of colonial Virginia
6. French and Indian War
7. Stamp Act crisis
8. Decision for independence
9. Adoption of state constitution
10. Yorktown

**EXTRA TOPICS MAY BE COVERED** – HIS 281

1. Age of the Council
2. Virginia at Mid-18th century
3. State reforms in the 1780s
4. Adoption of the Constitution 1788

**MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED** – HIS 282

1. Virginia dynasty during the early national period
2. Virginia Convention 1829-1830
3. Nat Turner Rebellion
4. John Brown raid at Harper's Ferry
5. Decision to join the Confederacy
6. Civil War 1861-1865
7. Reconstruction period
8. Era of Mahone
9. Ascendancy of the Democratic Machine
10. Byrd Era
11. Massive Resistance

**EXTRA TOPICS MAY BE COVERED** – HIS 282

1. Constitutional Convention of 1850
2. Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia