

## **NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY HIS 205 – LOCAL HISTORY (3 CR.)**

### **Course Description**

Studies the history of the local community and/or region. Lecture 3 hours per week.

### **General Course Purpose**

Explores the historical transformation of Northern Virginia through an examination of local events, people, and places. Places the region's past within the context of larger historic events and influences.

### **Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

None.

### **Course Objectives**

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

- a) Describe the geography of the region and its important natural features.
- b) Identify the people, events, and localities significant to the region's history.
- c) Place the region's people, places, and events within the historical development of the United States.
- d) Critically evaluate how local museums and historic sites interpret the region's history and identify what aspects of local history interpretation might be improved.

### **Major Topics to be Included**

- a) Early Republic
- b) African American experiences during slavery
- c) Civil War
- d) Agricultural, industrial and hi-tech development
- e) Migration and immigration patterns
- f) World War II growth and post-war boom
- g) Civil rights
- h) Suburban development and influence
- i) Memory and historical remembrance
- j) Local historical preservation and public history efforts