



Course specification

Description: American History						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
HIS	2003	55239	2, 2006	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA003
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	090305

STAFFING

Examiner: Maurice French

Moderator: Peter Wicks

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: HIS1001 or HIS1003 or INR1001

SYNOPSIS

This course will focus on the United States during the nineteenth century. It begins with an examination of the foundations of the United States, and goes through to America's entry into the First World War. Events and themes that will be focused on include the expansion into the West, the conflict between freedom and slavery that culminated in the American Civil War, the development of American imperialism and foreign policy, the social history of women, African-Americans, and Native Americans, the impact of immigration and selected aspects of the political and cultural history of the United States in the nineteenth century. The United States is one of the most influential nations in the world today, and this course will provide an insight into how the United States evolved into the nation it is today.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. describe and demonstrate an understanding of the major events and themes in US History from its foundations through to the First World War; (All Assessment Items refer)
2. demonstrate skills in analysis of historical sources (documentary and specialist literature), oral presentation, and writing and bibliography as required in the History discipline. (All Assessment Items refer)

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Colonial Foundations	8.00

2.	The Revolution and Its Consequences	8.00
3.	Establishing the Republic	8.00
4.	Building a Nation	8.00
5.	Slavery and the Antebellum Period	8.00
6.	Manifest Destiny	8.00
7.	The Civil War	10.00
8.	Reconstruction	8.00
9.	The Gilded Age	8.00
10.	US Imperialism	10.00
11.	World War I	8.00
12.	Overview	8.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Boydston, J; Cullather, N; Lewis, JE; McGerr, M; Oakes, J 2004, *Making a nation: the United States and its people (combined volume - Prentice Hall Portfolio Edition)*, Pearson, New Jersey.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Blum, JM et al 1993, *The national experience: a history of the United States*, 8th edn, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York.

Carroll, AN & Noble, DW 1988, *The free and the unfree: a new history of the United States*, 2nd edn, Viking Penguin, Hammondsworth.

Faragher, JM; Buhle, MJ; Czitran, D; Armitage, SH 2006, *Out of many: a history of the American people*, Pearson, New Jersey.

Zinn, H 1980, *A people's history of the United States*, Longman, London.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	2.00
Lectures	26.00
Private Study	120.00
Tutorials	13.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
TUTORIAL ESSAY (1000 words)	100.00	20.00	24 Jul 2006 (see note 1)
TUTORIAL PRESENTATION	100.00	15.00	24 Jul 2006 (see note 2)
RESEARCH ESSAY (2500 words)	100.00	35.00	11 Oct 2006
EXAMINATION - 2 hours	100.00	30.00	END S2 (see note 3)

NOTES

1. Students will nominate the week for their presentation, and the tutorial essay will be due one week after the presentation.
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3. Students will be advised of the official exam date after the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the student's responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. For this class, normal class attendance consists of two 1 hour lectures and one 1 hour tutorial per week. For this course, normal class attendance consists of two 1 hour lectures and one 1 hour tutorial per week.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a CLOSED EXAMINATION, and candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:

Any deferred or supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:

Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date. (c) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (d) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (e) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (f) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).