

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HST 121S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES I
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Survey of the development of the United States, emphasizing the political, social, and economic institutions that distinguish American culture. The course examines America's colonial origins and the development of the United States through the era of Reconstruction. Prerequisite: Qualifying assessment scores in reading and writing or satisfactory completion of ENG 091D and ENG 093D.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Gen Ed Outcomes
1	1. Identify key vocabulary of American history from the colonial era to 1877 of important persons, developments, events, ideas, institutions, issues, and concepts.	1, 2, 6
4	2. Analyze primary and secondary sources (i.e. historical analysis of text) using critical thinking.	1, 2, 4, 6
2	3. Explain the cause, effect and relevance of specific historical events and/or periods within the broader historical context.	1, 2, 6
3	4. Articulate diverse historical interpretations.	1, 2, 6
3	5. Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply basic historical concepts, methodologies, and approaches.	1, 2, 6
5	6. Create historical arguments in a variety of forms of communication.	1, 2, 6

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They are communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry and respect for learning, and interpersonal skills and teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce or reinforce those Core Values whenever possible.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. America Pre-Columbus
2. European Explorations and Conquests
3. English Colonization
4. Religion in Early America
5. 18th Century British Empire in America
6. The American Revolutionary War
7. Confederation and Constitution
8. The Federalist Years
9. War of 1812
10. National Development in the Age of Jackson
11. Antebellum Social Reforms
12. Slavery and the Old South
13. Expansion and Division, 1840s -1850s
14. The Civil War
15. Reconstruction of America