



## Course Number, Title and Credits

**HISU 103** - United States History Survey II - 3 credits

## Course Description

This course highlights basic issues of American life, culture, society, and economics from the roots of Reconstruction to 9/11, while considering the following questions: Who is an American? How have we evolved as a nation? How has that definition changed over time? And how do we balance the fundamental diversity that is quintessentially American with the need for a common core of beliefs and institutions?

## Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Identify factors motivating American industrial growth at the conclusion of the Civil War and during Reconstruction.
2. Discuss fundamental social, political, and economic structures of the US as it developed since 1865.
3. Trace the American rise in world power and its role in WWII.
4. Describe the Cold War, its causes, effects, and legacy.
5. Analyze issues surrounding and factors influencing the splintering of US social, political, and economic systems following 1945.
6. Outline the nature of US social discord and Civil Rights movements following 1950.
7. Discuss issues leading to recent US historical events, concluding with the terrorist attacks in New York City on 9/11.

## Required Textbooks

The American Promise, James L. Roark, et. al., Volume II: From 1865, 8th Edition; ISBN: 9781319208967 [hereafter "AP"]

The textbook contains sections of primary sources, which you will need to read carefully. Primary sources are materials that provide us with an individual's personal perspective of history. These are first-hand accounts that contain crucial information about the past to help historians achieve a developed understanding of historical events and ideas. Secondary sources are historians' interpretations of the past and thus exemplified by the overall narrative presented in the textbook.

## Letter Grade/Percentage Equivalents

| Grades are determined on a straight-scale basis using the following scales. |             |    |            |    |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|------------|----|---------------|
| A                                                                           | 94% to 100% | A- | 90% to 93% | B+ | 87% to 89%    |
| B                                                                           | 84% to 86%  | B- | 80% to 83% | C+ | 77% to 79%    |
| C                                                                           | 74% to 76%  | C- | 70% to 73% | D+ | 67% to 69%    |
| D                                                                           | 64% to 66%  | D- | 60% to 63% | F  | 59% and below |

## Methods of Evaluation for Determining Grades

### Assignment Detail for Course:

| Assignments                            | Possible Points |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Papers                                 | 200             |
| Exam 1                                 | 250             |
| Exam 2                                 | 250             |
| Final Exam (take-home)                 | 300             |
| <b>Total Points Possible in Course</b> | <b>1000</b>     |

### Week by Week Outline for Course (Tentative):

| Week   | Topics & Assignments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Week 1 | <p><b><u>1: The Historian's Craft</u></b></p> <p>In this lesson, we survey historical methodology and theory. Particular emphasis will be placed on distinguishing between primary and secondary sources as well as how to read both types of documents. We will also learn how historians avoid anachronism and seek to study the past on its own terms. Learning how to ask historical questions and read documents in context are central goals of this lesson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Lecture 1: <b>Introduction to the Course</b></li></ul> <p><b><u>2: Reconstruction, 1865-1877</u></b></p> <p>This lesson explores the moment shortly after the American Civil War where it looked like the United States government might recognize equality among all citizens. That did not happen, however, as soon new systems were put in place to ensure white-male hegemony. We will also examine how African Americans used Reconstruction as an opportunity to create their own institutions and concepts of freedom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Lectures 2-4: <b>Reconstruction</b> x 3</li><li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 16: Reconstruction, 1863-1877</li></ul> <p><b><u>3: The Gilded Age, 1877-1900</u></b></p> <p>This lesson examines the many responses to the mechanized production and the growth of industrial capitalism. Rural farmers, workers, and immigrant experiences will be highlighted. We will also look at the effects that U.S. imperialism had on both Americans and those the US sought to control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Lectures 5-7: <b>Conquest and Expansion</b> x 3</li><li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 17: The Contested West, 1865-1900</li><li>• Online Lectures 8-11: <b>Industrialization and Urbanization</b> x 4</li><li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 18: The Gilded Age, 1865-1900</li><li>• Online Lecture 12: <b>Week 1 Review</b></li></ul> |
| Week 2 | <p><b><u>4: The Progressive Era, 1900-1914</u></b></p> <p>In this lesson, we continue to focus on the intensification of industrialization and the growth of the federal government. Rather than simply protect property, however, during the Progressive era, many voices emerged critical of the concept of "limited government." As a result, local, state, and federal governments became more active in promoting the welfare of citizens. powerful inequalities still remained in the nascent welfare-state, however.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Lectures 13-15: <b>Labor Conflict</b> x 3</li><li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 19: The City and Its Workers, 1870-1900</li><li>• Online Lectures 16-19: <b>U.S. Imperialism</b> x 4</li><li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 20: Dissent, Depression, and War, 1890-1900</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 20-23: <b>Progressive Movement</b> x 4</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 21: Progressive Reform, 1890-1916</li> <li>• Online Lecture 24: <b>Week 2 Review</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Exam 1</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Week 3 | <p><b><u>5: The United States in World War I, 1914-1920</u></b></p> <p>We will explore the causes of World War I as well as the United States reluctant and belated entry into the war. We will pay particular attention to the ways in which the US government worked to create a sense of urgency while making its case for entry in the war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 25-28: <b>WWI</b> x 4</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 22: World War I: The Progressive Crusade, 1914-1920</li> </ul> <p><b><u>6: A New Era?, 1920-1929</u></b></p> <p>We will discuss the years between World War I and the Great Depression. We will examine the conservative backlash against Progressivism but also how many Americans used post-war prosperity to cultivate art and a shared identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures: 29-30: <b>1920s Culture &amp; Society</b> x 2</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 23: From New Era to Great Depression, 1920-1932</li> </ul> <p><b><u>7: The Great Depression and the New Deal, 1929-1940</u></b></p> <p>In this lesson, we will examine the causes of the rapid economic growth the United States in the 1920s as well as the major decline known as the Great Depression. While causes of economic booms and busts are important, we will also look at how the economy affected Americans lives and how Americans responded to economic growth and travails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 31-32: <b>The Great Depression</b> x 2</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 23: From New Era to Great Depression, 1920-1932</li> <li>• Online Lectures 33-35: <b>The New Deal</b> x 3</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 24: The New Deal Experiment, 1932-1939</li> <li>• Online Lecture 36: <b>Week 3 Review</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Paper Assignment</b></p> |
| Week 4 | <p><b><u>8: The United States in World War II, 1939-1946</u></b></p> <p>This lesson will discuss the various causes of World War II as well as the US's role in the war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 37-40: <b>WWII</b> x 4</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 25: The United States and the Second World War,</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|        | <p>1939-1945</p> <p><b><u>9: The Cold War, 1946-1960</u></b></p> <p>This lesson will examine the development of anti-communism in the years after the War. Particular attention will be paid to how Americans experiences of both the war years and the post-war era differed based on race, class, and gender.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 41-44: <b>Cold War America</b> x 4</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 26: The New World of the Cold War, 1945-1960</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 27: Postwar Culture and Politics, 1945-1960</li> </ul> <p><b><u>10: The Long Sixties, 1955-1979</u></b></p> <p>In this lesson, we will survey the growth of American consumer-orientated economy and culture as well as the rise of the Civil Rights Movement and the Counterculture Movement. We will emphasize the many and varied, multiple, and conflicting challenges to American "conservatism."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 45-47: <b>Civil Rights Movement</b> x 3</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 28: Rights, Rebellion, and Reaction, 1960-1974</li> <li>• Online Lecture 48: <b>Week 4 Review</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Exam 2</b></p> |
| Week 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 49-51: <b>Political Storms</b> x 3</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 29: Confronting Limits, 1961-1979</li> </ul> <p><b><u>11: The New Right, War, and Economic Crisis 1979-Present</u></b></p> <p>This lessons explores the conservative backlash to the counter-culture movements and to the New Deal. We will focus on the rise of the New Right, the Iraq War, and the economic crisis of 2008-2009. Particular emphasis will be paid to the role that race played in creating conservative identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Lectures 52-55: <b>The Reagan Revolution</b> x 4</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 30: Divisions at Home and Abroad in a Conservative Era, 1980-2000</li> <li>• Online Lectures 56-58: <b>Age of Globalization</b> x 3</li> <li>• Reading: AP, Chapter 31: America in a New Century, since 2000</li> <li>• Online Lecture 59: <b>Week 5 Review</b></li> <li>• Online Lecture 60: <b>Course Conclusion</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Take-Home Final Exam</b></p>                                                                                                                                 |

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