

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: HIS 105 (IAI S2 901)

Course Title: History of the United States since 1877

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 54.0102

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 4-0-4

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 4

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 4

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Survey of American history from Reconstruction to the present. Emphasis on the economic, political, cultural, and social forces that have shaped the American past.

General Course Objectives

To teach students America's history from Reconstruction to the present. Course emphasizes the economic, political, cultural, and social forces that have shaped the American past.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	None	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete a reading and writing assignment which is usually a 2,000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

[American Yawp](http://Americanyawp.com), americanyawp.com

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
1877-1900: The American Frontier	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the impact of Western expansion on Native American societies. 2. Examine the influence of technology and industry on the internal empire. 3. Discuss the mythical west. 	5	0	0
1877-1900: The Incorporation of America	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compare the influence of big business, labor movements, and immigration on the growth of cities; and the transformation of society in education, affluence, and morals. 	4	0	0
Commonwealth and Empire	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the growth of the federal government, and the consolidation of the modern two-party system. 2. Discuss economic and political crises. 3. Describe the emergence of America on the world stage following the Spanish-American War. 	5	0	0
The Progressive Era: 1900-1917	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the political, social, and intellectual roots of progressive reform. 2. Examine the influence of immigrants on urban growth, the political activism of workers, and the impact of progressivism in national politics. 	4	0	0
World War I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss America's expanding role in international relations moving from neutrality to participant. 2. Explain America's social, economic, political, and military involvement in World War I, and the consequences and failure of the peace movement. 	4	0	0
The Roaring Twenties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the volatile economy, new social and moral standards and conduct, and the influence of entertainment for the public. 	4	0	0
The Great Depression and the New Deal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the causes and consequences of the Great Depression, the New Deal policies of FDR and the Democratic Party, and cultural life in the 30s. 	5	0	0
World War II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine world events leading to America's entry into the war. 2. Discuss the political, social, and economic policies of the government in conducting the war. 3. Explain strategies for winning the war and executing the peace. 	4	0	0
The Cold War Begins: 1946-1953	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the Truman Doctrine and containment, the advancement of Communism, the effects of McCarthyism, and the consequences of the Korean War. 	4	0	0
Ike and JFK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the emergence of youth culture and the family. 2. Examine the influence of television. 3. Discuss the policies of Eisenhower and Kennedy confronting communism. 4. Explain the decisions and policies concerning Europe, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. 	4	0	0

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Civil Rights: 1947-1966	1. Explain federal involvement in state decisions for segregation, the importance of Martin Luther King's leadership, the phases of protests, and the rise of other minorities.	5	0	0
America at War - Overseas and Home: 1964-1975	1. Discuss the foreign and domestic policies of LBJ, the influence of the 60s counterculture, the significance of events in 1968, the increasing power of minority organizations. 2. Examine the Nixon presidency.	4	0	0
America in Transition: 1976-1988	1. Describe the economic and population geographic changes, uncertainties in domestic and international relations, and Reagan's domestic and foreign policies.	4	0	0
Modern America and the World	1. Recognize the shifts in political power for all branches of the government, the move to globalization, economic boom and bust, and the War on Terrorism.	4	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
60	0	0