PARKLAND COLLEGE

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: HIS 107

Course Title: The History of Illinois

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 54.9996
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 4-0-4
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 4	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 4**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Illinois history from the earliest times to the present. Includes political, economic, social, cultural, educational, and constitutional developments.

General Course Objectives

The overall course objective is to familiarize students with the pivotal social, political, economic, cultural, and constitutional events in the history of Illinois from prehistory to the present. This course will also seek to sharpen students' critical thinking and writing skills. Students will be expected to make connections between specific historical events and long-term historical trends and express these observations clearly in written form. This course will also reinforce the methods, sources, and interpretations of historical research. Finally, students will investigate problems and questions with historical interpretations in class discussions, exams, and written assignments.

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 2000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Illinois: A History of the Land and its People, by Roger Biles. 978-0875806044

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
Introduction: environment, geography	1. Identify the factors which influenced geography in all parts of Illinois.	2	0	0
Native American Cultures: earliest inhabitants, Native American groups in Illinois, Native American cultures in Illinois	1. Describe early settlements in Illinois.	2	0	0
Europeans in Illinois: French incursion into Illinois, British rule and the War for Independence, the Northwest Ordinance	1. Summarize the impact of early European explorers on the state.	2	0	0
Statehood: territorial period, early statehood, first Constitution in 1818	1. Define the influence of the Northwest Ordinance upon Illinois' political development, especially where slavery was concerned. 2. Explain the process through which Illinois became a state, in both the local and national contexts. 3. Describe the development of Illinois' first state constitution in 1818.	4	0	0
Chicago: early developments and the rise of Chicago, Illinois-Michigan Canal	1. Discuss the development of Chicago and the ways in which it influenced the state of Illinois as a whole. 2. Recognize and discuss the Illinois-Michigan Canal and other internal improvements.	4	0	0
Early Years of Statehood: 1818-1860, the status of African Americans in Illinois, Elijah Lovejoy, Joseph Smith and the Mormons, the coming of the railroad, the Constitution of 1848, Illinois during the 1850s	1. Describe and discuss the ways in which railroads and other technologies contributed to the early developments in Illinois.	3	0	0
Illinois and Lincoln: politics, Stephen Douglas, Abraham Lincoln	1. Explain and comment on the role of Abraham Lincoln in Illinois.	4	0	0

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Illinois in the Civil War: the role of men and women of Illinois, underground and reverse underground railroads, repeal of the black codes	1. Summarize and explain the role of Illinois in the Civil War. 2. Interpret the black codes and the state's repeal of the black codes in 1865.	5	0	0
Illinois and the 1870s: the Constitution of 1870, the rise of Illinois as an industrial state, the Great Chicago Fire of 1871	1. Identify the ways in which the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 altered the development of Chicago.	1	0	0
Immigration: immigrant groups in Illinois, the influence of immigrants on Illinois	1. Explain the contributions of the diverse ethnic groups in Illinois. 2. Discuss immigration and its effects on the state of Illinois.	3	0	0
Labor Movements: labor organizations in Illinois, Haymarket Square Riot of 1886, the Pullman Strike of 1894	1. Describe the different labor organizations in Illinois. 2. Summarize the effects of the Haymarket Square Riot of 1886. 3. Summarize the effects of the Pullman Strike of 1894 on the state of Illinois.	2	0	0
Reforms: women reformers in Illinois	1. Summarize the contributions of women in Illinois.	2	0	0
Politics at the Turn of the Century: Chicago, Columbian Exposition of 1893	1. Discuss the state of affairs at the turn of the century, especially the politics in Chicago. 2. Describe the effects of the Columbian Exposition of 1893 on the state of Illinois.	2	0	0
The Great Migration: new movement of African Americans to Illinois during WWI	1. Explain the causes and effects of the Great Migration of African Americans from South Chicago. 2. Discuss the role of men and women from Illinois in World War I and the effect of conflicting loyalties on its large immigrant population.	3	0	0
Social Turmoil after the War: the Red Scare, the Race Riots of 1919, Prohibition, the rise of organized crime, Bloody Williamson and the resurgence of the KKK in Illinois	1. Explain Prohibition and the rise of organized crime in the political landscape of Chicago. 2. Summarize the social effects of WWI on the state of Illinois.	2	0	0
Illinois During the Depression: the effects of the Great Depression on farms and in the cities of Illinois	1. Explain the impact of the Great Depression and the New Deal on Illinois.	2	0	0

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Illinois During WWII: the men and women of Illinois during the war, post-war and the rise of the suburbs	1. Summarize the role of Illinois in World War II. 2. Recognize the factors in World War II that led to the movement toward the suburbs during the 1950s and 1960s.	5	0	0
Democrats in Illinois: the Daley family in Illinois, the Democratic Machine	1. Explain the impact of the Daley family on politics in Illinois. 2. Summarize the Democratic Machine in Illinois.	2	0	0
The 1960s in Illinois: racial turmoil in Illinois, political turmoil in Illinois	1. Reconstruct the role of Illinois in the 1960s.	2	0	0
The Constitution of 1970: politics in the 1970s	1. Discuss how the Constitution of 1970 was created in response to the changing needs of the state and how it affected the state's development.	2	0	0
Illinois in the 1980s and 1990s: scandals and debates	1. Describe sports and rivalry in the state of Illinois. 2. Analyze the state of Illinois in the 1980s and 1990s.	4	0	0
The Current State of Illinois	1. Explain the role of Illinois in the new millennium.	2	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
60	0	0