



## AMERICAN HISTORY

SOC202 — 1.0 Credit

### Course Description

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of American history. The content will focus on the origins of the nation's democratic principles and continue through present-day domestic and foreign issues that affect American society. There will be a particular emphasis on the individuals and groups that have been impacted by the nation's development, as well as those who have made contributions. Students will utilize critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they participate in interactive discussions and complete assignments establishing real-world connections.

### Course Objectives

After completing the course, students will be able to:

- Identify the origins of the United States.
- Analyze significant documents that have impacted the development of the nation
- Identify key events in the nation's development
- Identify significant individuals that contributed to the nation's development.
- Describe issues that have and still affect the nation, both at home and abroad.
- Describe the causes and effects of the various wars that Americans have fought.
- Discuss the characteristics that define the United States as a world power.

### Prerequisites

None

### Course Length

Two semester

### Required Text

None

### Course Outline

#### Settling America

- Scientific Origins of the Continent
- Emerging Civilizations
- Foreign Exploration & Colonization
- Settling the Colonies
- Role of the Indigenous Population
- Religious Views
- The American Revolution

#### Forming the Republic

- Building a New Government
- Foreign and Domestic Issues
- Role of the President
- The Expanding Nation
- Settling the Western Frontier

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## The Civil War

- Causes for the War
- Political Issues, Battles
- Effects of the War
- Role of the President
- Reconstruction

## A Growing Nation

- Big Business
- Westward Migration
- Land Acts
- Gilded Age
- Role of the Presidency
- Immigration
- Living Conditions
- Reform Movements

## America as a World Power

- Imperialism
- Nationalism
- Spanish American War
- Annexation of Hawaii
- Panama Canal
- Role of the Presidency
- Progressivism
- Suffrage
- World War I
- Battles
- American Home Front
- Role of the Presidency

## The Twenties

- Red Scare
- Labor Issues
- Automobile Industry
- Role of Women
- Mass Media
- Harlem

## Renaissance

- Prohibition
- The Economy
- Stock Market Crash
- Great Depression
- Role of the Presidency

## World War Two and Beyond

- Causes of the War
- Hitler
- The Holocaust
- America's Role
- Pearl Harbor
- Role of the Presidency
- Battles
- American Home Front
- Military Leadership
- War in the Pacific
- Manhattan Project
- Cold War
- Korean War
- Arms Race

## And more, including:

- The Sixties
- The Road to the Modern Era
- Charting a New Course