



## COURSE SYLLABUS

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**COURSE:** HIS 132 AMERICAN HISTORY II

**HOURS:** Lecture: 3 Lab/Shop: 0 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a survey of American history from the Civil War era to the present. Topics include industrialization, immigration, the Great Depression, the major American wars, the Cold War, and social conflict. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments in American history since the Civil War.

*Note: In accordance with the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, this course has been approved to satisfy the Universal General Education Transfer Component requirement for social/behavioral sciences in A.A. and A.S. degree programs. This course has been approved to meet the social/behavioral sciences requirement in A.A.S. degree programs.*

**PREREQUISITE(S):** None

**COREQUISITE(S):** None

### TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Visualize the condition of the nation in the aftermath of the Civil War.
2. Explain how the war's outcome gave new life to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence, as prefigured by the Gettysburg Address.
3. Discuss the struggles and legacies of Reconstruction, including its foundation in the Emancipation Proclamation.
4. Explain the plight of Native and African Americans in the post-Civil War era.
5. Correlate the impact of industrialization and urbanization with the growth of the nation.
6. Define the forces for political and social change in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
7. Determine the causes and consequences of the world wars and the resulting Cold War.
8. Explain the major domestic social and economic upheavals of the 20th century.
9. Analyze Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" — arguments, themes, and rhetoric.
10. Discuss debates surrounding the interpretation of the United States Constitution, explaining the document's key provisions and drawing on selected Federalist Papers.
11. Summarize the key provisions of the Constitution of North Carolina.
12. Recognize the evolution of the United States as a world power.

**\*\*\*Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.**