



HIST 2003 HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO 1877



CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

"Exploration of aspects in American history beginning with European backgrounds; discovery and settlement; concluding with the Civil War and Reconstruction. This survey encompasses the constitutional, political, social and economic development of the United States prior to 1877."

PREREQUISITE:

There are no prerequisites for this survey course.

CREDIT HOURS/CONTACT HOURS/LOAD HOURS: 3/3/3

TARGET AUDIENCE & TRANSFER INFORMATION:

This survey course is designed for students seeking an Associate of Arts degree, and as one of the required course options in various programs here at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. It is listed as: HIST 2003, and will transfer to the University of Arkansas, as will its sister course, HIST 2013.

GENERAL COURSE OUTCOMES:

Students completing this course will be able to:

1. Recognize the names of significant Americans and their contributions to the development of United States history.
2. Evaluate the more significant events as to their impact on the direction of United States history.
3. Understand that United States history is the one common thread that binds us all together as American people, and through these objectives students will become more informed citizens, better able to relate their knowledge of United States history to issues concerning us all.
4. Further develop the skills of critical thinking (analysis, synthesis, evaluation), communication (listening, reading, writing, speaking), and lifelong learning (curiosity, initiative, openness, research).

REQUIRED TEXT:

As of Fall 2007:



Divine, Robert A. *The American Story*. Vol. I. New York: Pearson Longman, 2007.

COURSE CONTENT:

NEW WORLD ENCOUNTERS

- Native Americans Histories before Conquest
- Europe on the Eve of Conquest
- The French in Canada
- The English Empire Building

ENGLAND'S COLONIAL EXPERIMENTS: THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

- England interests in both profit and piety
- The Chesapeake
- The Middle Colonies
- New England

SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE COLONIES

- Family Values in New England
- The Planters' World
- Race and Freedom in British America
- Commercial Blueprint for Empire
 - Mercantilism
- The Colonies' Common Experiences, Separate Cultures

AMERICAN COLONIES IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

- The Challenge of Growth
- Ethnic Cultures in Each Region
- Evangelical Religion
- Fighting Britain's Wars in America
- French and Indian War's Impact on England/Colonies/Native Americans

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- Character of Colonial Society
- The Eroding Bonds of Empire
 - Decision for Independence
 - Fighting for Independence
 - The Loyalist Dilemma
 - Winning the Peace
- America just after the War
 - Liberty or Anarchy

THE REPUBLICAN EXPERIMENT

- The New Political Culture/Alignments
- Living in the Shadow of Revolution
- The States' Adjustments and Education in Republicanism
- Articles of Confederation
- U.S. Constitution

THE NEW PARTY POLITICS

- Power of Public Opinion
 - Jefferson vs. Hamilton
 - Hamilton's Economic Plan & Jefferson's Response
 - Report on Public Credit
 - National Bank
 - Report on Manufactures

- Foreign Affairs - England vs. France
- The Adams Presidency
- The Election of 1800 and its Meaning

JEFFERSONIAN AMERICA

- Jefferson as President
 - Jefferson's Critics
 - Foreign Affairs
- Madison's Presidency
 - Foreign Affairs
 - The War of 1812

ERA OF GOOD FEELINGS/NATIONALISM

- Expansion and Migration
- Monroe's Presidency
 - Missouri Compromise
 - Monroe Doctrine
- America's Market Economy
 - Election Politics in 1824
 - Adams Presidency

ERA OF THE COMMON MAN (THE TRIUMPH OF WHITE MEN'S DEMOCRACY)

- Jackson and the Politics of Democracy
- The Bank War and the Second Party System

SLAVES AND MASTERS

- The Divided Society of the Old South
- The World of Southern Blacks
- White Society in the Antebellum South
- Slavery and the Southern Economy

ERA OF REFORM

- Evangelicalism
- Institutional Reform
 - Dorothea Dix
 - Horace Mann
- Reform Turns Radical
 - Anti-Slavery Movement/Abolition

THE AGE OF EXPANSION

Manifest Destiny and the Mexican-American War

A Coast to Coast Nation

Costs of Expansion

THE SECTIONAL CRISIS

The Compromise of 1850

Political Upheaval, 1852 - 1856

The House Divided, 1857 - 1860

The Election of 1860 the Results

SECESSION AND THE CIVIL WAR

The Storm Gathers

Adjusting to Total War

Fight to the Finish

Effects of the Civil War

RECONSTRUCTION

The President versus Congress

Reconstructing Southern Society

Retreat from Reconstruction

Reunion and the New South