Piedmont Technical College

Course Information Sheet

Course Title: American History: Discover to 1877
Course Prefix/Number: HIS 201

COURSE-SPECIFIC GRADE CALCULATION
Advanced notification of any changes will be provided to the student.

- Exams, Tests, & Quizzes – 50%
- Final Exam or Project – 20%
- Class Projects* – 30%

*Can include any of the following (see assignment schedule):
- Discussion Postings
- Writing Assignments
- Primary Source Analysis
- Supplemental Readings
- Homework
- Participation
- Group Activities
- Class Discussion

EXPLANATION OF SPECIFIC PROCTORED EXAM INFORMATION
For online courses, the final exam must be proctored at a PTC campus site or by a proctor approved by the college.

LAB/CLASSROOM SAFETY STATEMENT
Piedmont Technical College Laboratory Safety Statement: Lab Safety Statement (www.ptc.edu/courseinfo/safety.pdf)

Classroom Safety Statement:
N/A

COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE
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Modules/Units

Module/Unit 1

August 19, 2015
Competencies:

Upon completion of the first unit, students will be able to:

- Understand the impact of European exploration and colonization on the indigenous cultures of the Western Hemisphere.
- Interpret the reasons for the English colonization of North America and the unique characteristics of each of the thirteen colonies.
- Discuss the nature of English society and culture in North America.

Module/Unit 2

Competencies:

Upon completion of the second unit, students will be able to:

- Understand the struggle between the French and the English for the control of North America reasons for the coming of the American Revolution.
- Interpret the course of the American Revolutionary War and its impact on American society.
- Analyze the reasons for the creation of the Constitution and the Federal Republic.
- Comprehend the meaning and impact of the Jeffersonian Era on American society.

Module/Unit 3

Competencies:

Upon completion of the third unit, students will be able to:

- Trace the development of Sectionalism and Nationalism in the USA between 1815 and 1860.
- Interpret the meaning and impact of the Jacksonian Era on American politics and society.
- Analyze the development and the dynamics of the American Economic system between 1800 and 1860.
- Comprehend the development the unique culture of the Antebellum South and the impact of the institution of slavery.
Module/Unit 4

Competencies:

- Understand the reasons for the "impending crisis" that led to the Civil War.
- Analyze the course of the Civil War and its impact on American politics and society.
- Interpret the meaning of the Reconstruction Era and its long term impact on American society and racial history.