Piedmont Technical College Course Syllabus

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Prefix/Number: HIS 201
Title: American History: Discovery to 1877
Responsible Division: Arts & Sciences
Last Day to Withdraw from this Course: For the last date to withdraw from this course, consult the current Student Calendar.

Course Description:

For course, credit hour, pre-requisite(s) and co-requisite(s) information, visit the Detailed Course Information page: www.ptc.edu/courses/his201.

Textbook and Other Materials:

For textbook information and additional required and/or supplemental materials, visit the college bookstore (www.ptc.edu/bookstore).

Proctored Examinations:

Proctored examinations for distance learning courses taken at non-PTC campuses may require a proctoring fee for each exam taken.

COURSE POLICIES

Course policies are available online through the Academic Catalog and Student Handbook. Visit the Course Policies page (www.ptc.edu/syllabus/policies) for a detailed list of important policies and more information.

GRADE POLICY

Detailed grading policy information can be found on the Grading Policy webpage (http://www.ptc.edu/grading-policy). Final grade appeal information is available in the Academic Catalog (http://www.ptc.edu/catalog/).
ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations for ADA:

Information is available on the Student Disability Services webpage (http://www.ptc.edu/ada).

RATIONALE

Why do I need this course?

This course requires critical thinking skills and writing skills and helps develop a perspective for current events that helped shape American values and cultural identity. The broad range of problem solving and critical thinking skills developed in HIS 201 will provide the student with a solid knowledge base for future course work in fields that require extensive knowledge of history and social issues.

The student who takes this course will become familiar with the important developments in American History between 1492 – 1877. Special attention will be paid to the contributions made by European and Africa societies to the creation of an American culture, the development of democracy in America, the adoption of the Constitution, the impact of slavery upon American society, and the coming of the Civil War.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

For program information including required courses, program learning outcomes, gainful employment information and advisement information, refer to the Academic Program webpage. Go to Academics (http://www.ptc.edu/academics), select your program, and then select Credentials Offered.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course and/or clinical, each student will be able to:

- Evaluate the ways in which the history of Early America informs the current political, cultural, and social history of the country and its relationship to the global culture.
- Compose an effective narrative that analyzes the history of the early United States.
• Use historical data and primary sources to support generalizations and interpretations.
• Demonstrate familiarity with the major chronology of early American history.

GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES

Piedmont Technical College General Education Competencies for All Graduates:

This course may address one or more of the following General Education Competencies (assessment will be stated when applicable):

Communicate effectively.
Assessment:
Students will engage in written communication assignments including essays and discussions.

Apply mathematical skills appropriate to an occupation.
Assessment:
N/A

Employ effective processes for resolving problems and making decisions.
Assessment:
Students will participate in class discussions and test essays that require critical thinking skills as they analyze historical situations and plausible results.

Demonstrate the basic computer skills necessary to function in a technological world.
Assessment:
Students will submit assignments through D2L and use internet search features to improve their basic computer skills.

To validate proficiency in the general education competencies, students in some programs will be tested using Work Keys.

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