Course Title: US History

Course #: 1631-1632

Course Description: United States History students examine major turning points in American history from the late 18th century to the present. During the year the following themes are emphasized: The expanding role of the federal government; the continuing tension between the individual and the state and between minority rights and majority power; the emergence of a modern corporate economy and the role of organized labor; the role of the federal government and Federal Reserve System in regulating the economy; the impact of technology on American society and culture; the change in the ethnic composition of American society; the movements toward equal rights for minorities and women; and the rise of the United States as a major world power. Students expand their academic skills of reading, writing and research in the content area.

UC/CSU Approval: "a" approved

Grade Level: 11

Estimated Homework Per Week: Between 1.5-2 hours per week

Prerequisite: None

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:
- 8-Student Success Skills
- Analytical paragraph writing (CDW style)
- Map reading skills
- Note-taking skills
- Primary and Secondary source document analysis skills.

Course Grade Scale:
- 45% Tests/Quizzes/Major Projects
- 35% Homework/Classwork/Minor Projects
- 20% Final

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:
I. American Beginnings to 1877
   A. Topics: American Colonies, American Revolution, Expanding West, Civil War
C. Constitution after 1787: Federal vs. state authority.
D. Civil War and Reconstruction Assessment

II. Migration and Industrialization, 1877-1917
   A. Topics: Industrial Revolution, Immigration, Urbanization

III. Modern America Emerges, 1890-1920
   A. Topics: Progressive Era, Imperialism (ch 18), WWI - War at Home (ch 19.3)
   B. Progressive Era Assessment Test

IV. The 1920s and the Great Depression, 1919-1940
   A. Topics: Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, New Deal

V. World War II and Its Aftermath, 1931-1960
   A. Topics: World War II, Aftermath of World War II, Cold War
   B. WWII Assessment Test

VI. Living with Great Turmoil, 1954-1975
   A. Topics: Civil Rights, Vietnam War Assessment, Social Change (31.2)

VII. Passage to a New Century, 1968-Present - Cold War and Gulf War
    A. Topics: An Age of Limits, The Conservative Tide, United States in Today’s World (35.1)

Final Exam