

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
CANTON, NEW YORK

COURSE OUTLINE

HIST 105 – US History Since 1865

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HIST 105 - MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY

A. TITLE: US History Since 1865

B. COURSE NUMBER: HIST 105

C. CREDIT HOURS: 3

D. WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE (OPTIONAL):

E. COURSE LENGTH: 15 weeks

F. SEMESTER(S) OFFERED: Fall and/or Spring

G. HOURS OF LECTURE, LABORATORY, RECITATION, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY:
3 hours lecture/week

H. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION:

This course deals with the leading aspects of American history from the Civil War to the present. Attention is given to political institutions, diplomatic initiatives and constitutional questions, as well as broader economic, social, cultural, religious, and intellectual trends. This course also focuses on what is unique in the American historical experience, and relates American history to the global context

I. PRE-REQUISITES/CO-COURSES: None

J. GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES):

By the end of this course, the student will demonstrate:

1. knowledge of a basic narrative of American history: political, economic, social, and cultural, including knowledge of unity and diversity in American society.
2. knowledge of common institutions in American society and how they have affected different groups.
3. understanding of America's evolving relationship with the rest of the world.
4. a basic understanding of continuity and change as well as causality in history.

<u>Course Objective</u>	<u>Institutional SLO</u>
a. knowledge of a basic narrative of American history: political, economic, social, and cultural, including knowledge of unity and diversity in American society	1. Communication 3. Prof. Competence
b. knowledge of common institutions in American society and how they have affected different groups.	2. Crit. Thinking 3. Prof. Competence
c. understanding of America's evolving relationship with the rest of the world	2. Crit. Thinking 3. Prof. Competence
d. a basic understanding of continuity and change as well as causality in history.	2. Crit. Thinking 3. Prof. Competence

K. TEXTS: To be determined by the instructor.

L. REFERENCES:

- Barney, William L. The Passage of the Republic (Heath, 1987)
Blum, John Morton. Years of Discord: American Politics and Society 1961-1974 (Norton, 1991)
Boyer, Paul. By the Bomb's Early Light (North Carolina, 1994)
Chafe, William H. The Unfinished Journey: American Since World War II (Oxford, 3rd edition, 1995)

Cooper, John Milton Jr. The Pivotal Decades: The United States, 1900-1920 (Norton, 1990)
Foner, Eric. Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution (Harper, 1988)
Hawley, Ellis. The Great War and the Search for a Modern Order (St. Martin's 2nd edition, 1992)
Kennedy, David M. Freedom from Fear (Oxford, 2001)
LaFeber, Walter. The American Age (Norton, 2nd Edition, 1994)
Limerick, Patricia Legacy of Conquest (Norton, 1987)
McMath, Robert C. Jr. American Populism: A Social History 1877-1898 (Hill and Wong, 1993)
Nash, Gerald D. The Crucial Era (St. Martin's, second edition, 1992)
O'Neill, William. American High: The Years of Confidence 1945-1960 (Free Press, 1986)
Sitkoff, Harvard. The Struggle for Black Equality 1954-1980 (Hill and Wang, 1991)

M. EQUIPMENT: Technology Enhanced Classroom

N. GRADING METHOD: A-F

O. MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:

essay examinations, quizzes, group research projects, oral presentations, class discussion, debates

P. TOPICAL OUTLINE: See attachment.

Q. LABORATORY OUTLINE: Not applicable.

TOPICAL OUTLINE

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TOPICS

- I. Reconstruction
 - A. Reconstruction and Race Relations
 - B. Passing of the Frontier

- II. The Age of Industrialism
 - A. Industrialization and Capitalism
 - B. Politics in the Gilded Age
 - C. Urbanization and Immigration
 - D. Culture and Society

- III. The Emergence of a Modern Nation
 - A. Imperialism and World Power
 - B. The Progressive Experiment
 - C. America Enters the War

- IV. Between Two Wars
 - A. Prosperity in Isolation
 - B. The Great Depression and the New Deal
 - C. The Shadow of War

- V. The Global Conflict
 - A. World War II
 - B. The Cold War
 - C. From Camelot to the Reagan Revolution