

ADVANCED PLACEMENT U.S HISTORY
GRADES 11-12

(2 Semesters - Prerequisite: A/B average in Honors or Advanced World History
and Teacher and Counselor Recommendation)

COURSE OVERVIEW:

This course provides a very intensive study of the history and development of the United States and American society. This course is taught at a college level for college-bound students who have a strong interest in history and social studies. The focus of the course is on a variety of topics, including the settling of the Americas, the development of the American governmental system, and the development of an American culture and way-of-life. One of the concluding activities of this class is the Advanced Placement Test in United States History; a sufficiently high score will earn a student college credit at most colleges and universities. College credit is not an automatic outcome of this course.

UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:

- UNIT I - Colonial America/American Revolution
- UNIT II - Early National Period, 1787 - 1828
- UNIT III - The Age of Jackson/Territorial Expansion
- UNIT IV - The Civil War/Reconstruction
- UNIT V - The United States, 1865 - 1900
- UNIT VI - The U.S. Enters the 20th Century
- UNIT VII - U.S. Domestic Affairs, 1920's - 1930's
- UNIT VIII - World War II
- UNIT IX - Post-World War II America, 1940's - 1970's
- UNIT X - America Today, 1970's-Present

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

1.	Students will be familiar with the political history of the United States and the development of the U.S. government. (14A, 14B, 16B)
2.	Students will be aware of the development of American society and culture. (18A, 18B, 18C)
3.	Students will be familiar with economic, technological, and scientific trends in American history.

	(15E, 16C)
4.	Students will be familiar with social movements and artistic trends in American history. (16D, 18A, 18C)
5.	Students will develop written, research, and discussion skills.
6.	Students will develop skills in evaluating and analyzing historical problems and situations. (16A, 17C)

MAJOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES:

1.	Students will write a 2-3 page paper in each unit in order to develop writing skills.
2.	Students will develop and write a research project first semester, in order to develop research and writing skills.
3.	Students will have several significant reading assignments each week. Since this course is conducted under college expectations, in order to prepare for the Advanced Placement Test, a great deal of effort and commitment is expected.

ADOPTED TEXT OR PRINCIPAL MATERIALS USED:

Brinkley, Alan. <i>American History: A Survey</i> , 10 th ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1999. (adopted 2000)
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