

HIST-111 American History to 1877

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to describe the major political, diplomatic, economic, and social developments from the fifteenth century through the Reconstruction period. In particular, the student will study the Red, Black and White cultures of pre-Revolutionary America; the American Revolution and the development of American republicanism; the Transportation Revolution and the emergence of a market economy; territorial expansion and wars; 1783-1860; antebellum reformers; Civil War, 1861-1865; Reconstruction, 1865-1877.

Credits 3

Prerequisites Eligible to enroll in English Composition.

Fees This course has fees totaling \$30.00.

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Overall Course Objectives

Once you have completed this course you will be able to:

- Describe the major political, diplomatic, economic, and social developments from the fifteenth century through the Reconstruction period.
- Understand pre-Revolutionary America; the American Revolution and the development of American republicanism; the Transportation Revolution and the emergence of a market economy; territorial expansion and wars; antebellum reformers; Civil War, 1861-1865; Reconstruction, 1865-1877.

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Major Course Topics

- Colonial America: From Settlement to Revolution, 1400-1775
- America as an Emergent Nation, 1775-1850
- Social and Economic Changes, 1800-1860
- Civil War and Reconstruction, 1865-1877

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Course Format

- Is not self-paced.
- Does not require on-campus meetings.
- Does not require real-time chats.
- The communication in the class will take place through WebCT emails and online bulletin board discussions.

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Orientation

This course does not have a face-to-face orientation.

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Course Requirements

- Review the "[What you should know before you register](#)" section of the Distance Learning Homepage.
- Weekly quizzes on textbook readings.
- Two essay style tests (given in the Test Center).
- Two short papers (4-6 pages).
- There will be online discussions that will factor into a participation grade.

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Texts and Materials

Required:

Roark, *The American Promise: History of the US to 1877*, Vol I, 3rd Edition.

Alfers, *Telecourse Guide for the Shaping America: US History to 1877*, 2nd Edition.

- Buy your textbooks from our online [Bookstore](#), or visit our [Bookstore](#). ([Maps](#))

Technical Requirements and Plug-Ins:

Review the Technical Requirements link above. The following plug-ins are required for this course:

- Internet Explorer
- Netscape
- Word Viewer, if you don't have the full version of Microsoft Word

If you have any questions or comments about this course, please send a message to Distance Learning, distancelearning@howardcc.edu.

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