

Course Title: N 360 Perspectives in American History

Course Description:

This course chronicles the history of the United States from colonial origins to the beginning of the 21st century. It focuses on several key themes such as the exceptionalism of the American experiment, the commitment to socioeconomic mobility and opportunity in the marketplace, the expanding enfranchisement of citizens in the development of political democracy and the confirmation of the “democratic ideal.”

1. Understand the variety of indigenous cultures in the Americas and the process of exploration.
2. Identify important cultural aspects and regional variations of major North American nations.
3. Learn the experience of discovery and settlement that changed Europeans, American native peoples, African and Caribbean slaves, and all other different populations that came to North America.
4. Understand how the United States manages to assimilate so many different people from so many different places.
5. Discuss how the geography, beliefs, and necessities of the settlements European planted along the eastern seaboard influenced the development of the United States.