

Survey of U.S. History

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: SC3313

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

This course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of the history of the United States, surveying the major events and turning points of U.S. history as it moves from the Era of Exploration through modern times. As students examine each era of history, they will analyze primary sources and carefully research events to gain a clearer understanding of the factors that have shaped U.S. history. In early units, students will assess the foundations of U.S. democracy while examining crucial documents. In later units, students will examine the effects of territorial expansion, the Civil War, and the rise of industrialization as they assess the outcomes of economic trends and the connections between culture and government. As the course draws to a close, students will focus their studies on the causes of cultural and political change in the modern age. Throughout the course, students will learn the importance of cultural diversity while examining history from different perspectives.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Assess the political development of the United States, including the influence of democratic ideals, the changing role of government, and the development of the modern two-party system.
- Explore the evolution of American culture and society, including the role of reform movements, from the colonial era to the present.
- Investigate and understand the reasons behind American involvement in wars and conflicts throughout U.S. history.
- Trace the economic development of the United States from an agrarian economy to an industrial economy to the leading economic force in the world.

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson

- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	10%
Essays	10%
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	30%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Projects	10%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: The Thirteen Colonies	Unit 7: Progressivism and Reform
Unit 2: The American Revolution	Unit 8: Imperialism and the Great War
Unit 3: A New Nation	Unit 9: World War II
Unit 4: Westward Expansion and Sectionalism	Unit 10: The Rise of the Cold War
Unit 5: The Civil War and Reconstruction	Unit 11: Civil Rights
Unit 6: Industrialization and the Gilded Age	Unit 12: America in the Modern World