

U.S. History II

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: SS3311 IC

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

U.S. History II is a yearlong course that examines the major events and turning points of U.S. history from the Industrial Revolution through the modern age. The course leads students toward a clearer understanding of the patterns, processes, and people that have shaped U.S. history. As students progress through each era of modern U.S. history, they will study the impact of dynamic leadership and economic and political change on the rise of the United States to global prominence, the influence of social and political movements on societal change, and the importance of modern cultural and political developments. Recurring themes lead students to draw connections between the past and the present, between cultures, and between multiple 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 industrialization to the present.
- Describe the role of immigration and migration in the development of the United States, and identify common push and pull factors that have affected these trends in U.S. history.
- 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
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, e-mail, 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
Quiz	20%
Test	30%
Exam	20%
Essay	10%
Assignment	15%
Additional	0%
Project	5%

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: Industrialization and the Gilded Age

Unit 2: Immigration and Urbanization

Unit 3: Populism and the American West

Unit 4: Progressivism and Reform

Unit 5: Imperialism and the Great War

Unit 6: The '20s and the Great Depression

Unit 7: Entering World War II

- Unit 8:** Fighting World War II
- Unit 9:** The Rise of the Cold War
- Unit 10:** Civil Rights
- Unit 11:** Era of Cultural Change
- Unit 12:** The '70s and '80s
- Unit 13:** American in the Modern World