

# Syllabus

**Code:** HIST-135 **Title:** American Civilization I

**Institute:** Business and Social Science **Department:** History

**Course Description:** Students will identify and discuss problems, events and personalities in American history which have influenced the origins and growth of the Republic from the colonial period until the Civil War (1861). History will be viewed from many perspectives.

**Prerequisites:** READ 095 and ENGL 095 or satisfactory completion of the College's foundational studies requirement in reading and writing.

**Credits:** 3

**Lecture Hours:** 3

**Lab/Studio Hours:** 0

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**Required Textbook/Materials:** Click "View Book Information" in "Section Information" on the college's website for a list of books required for this course.

**Additional Time Requirements:**

For information on Brookdale's policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer to [Academic Credit Hour Policy](#).

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Analyze the political, economic, religious, social, racial, and cultural developments of the American nation to the Civil War.
- Write effectively in an expository manner and in a historical context.
- Compare historical analyses, and by reading, comprehending, and evaluating historical documents.
- Analyze the enormous diversity of experiences in early American history.

**Grading Standard:**

Students will achieve grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, or F according to the chart below:

100-93% = A  
92-90% = A-  
89-87% = B+  
86-83% = B  
82-80% = B-  
79-77% = C+  
76-70% = C  
69-65% = D  
Less than 65% = F

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• PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTOR ADDENDUMS FOR GRADING POLICIES

## **Course Content:**

1. Ancient America, Before 1492
2. Europeans Encounter the New World, 1492–1600
3. The Southern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century, 1601–1700
4. The Northern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century, 1601–1700
5. Colonial America in the Eighteenth Century, 1701–1770
6. The British Empire and the Colonial Crisis, 1754-1775
7. The War for America, 1775-1783
8. Building a Republic, 1775-1789
9. The New Nation Takes Form, 1789–1800
10. Republicans in Power, 1800-1828
11. The Expanding Republic, 1815-1840
12. The North and West, 1840-1860
13. The Slave South, 1820-1860
14. The House Divided, 1846-1861
15. The Crucible of War, 1861-1865

## **College Policies:**

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit [www.brookdalecc.edu/support](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/support).

For information regarding:

- ◆ Brookdale's Academic Integrity Code
- ◆ Student Conduct Code
- ◆ Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG](#).

## **NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:**

See the Tutoring Center for information <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/tutoring-center/>.

## **MENTAL HEALTH:**

- Mental Health Crisis Support: From a campus phone, dial 5555 or 732-224-2329 from an external line; off-hours calls will be forwarded to BCC police (2222 from a campus phone)

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- Psychological Counseling Services: 732-224-2986 (to schedule an appointment during regular hours)

*The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.*

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