

U.S. History

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: SC3311WA

Grade level: 11

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

U.S. History is a year-long course that examines the major events and turning points of U.S. history from the Industrial Revolution through the modern age. The course begins with a study of the nation's foundations and 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 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: Our Foundations

Unit 2: Industrialization

Unit 3: Industrialization: Labor and Immigration

Unit 4: Emergence of the United States as a World Power

Unit 5: Reform

Unit 6: Prosperity and Depression

Unit 7: World War II

Unit 8: The Cold War and International Relations

Unit 9: Movements at Home

Unit 10: Issues at Home

Unit 11: Entering a New Era