



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

HIS 230 Patterns of American Life: A Cultural History of 17th to 19th Century America

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course traces the development of American society from colonial days through the nineteenth century. Influences such as immigration, religion, frontier settlement, technology, the family, and education are explored.

PREREQUISITES:

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will demonstrate knowledge of:

- Describe the differences between Old World and New World Views
- Describe the nature of leaders of Jamestown colony and Pilgrims
- Describe the slave trade and witchcraft
- Understand the origins of the American Revolution
- Describe the beginnings of industry in New England
- Understand the Southern Slave Culture through analysis of folk tales and narratives
- Describe revivalist religion and calls for women's Rights
- Describe the "Culture of Democracy" in the 1800s by analysis of Manifest Destiny and blackface minstrelsy
- Describe the origins of the Civil War
- Describe the importance of Reconstruction

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A

80%-89.9%= B

70%-79.9%= C

60%-69.9%= D

<60% = E