Course Prefix and Number: HIST 201
Credit hours: 3

Course Title: American History I

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook(s): Brands. American Stories: A History of the United States. Pearson Publishing. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor’s course information syllabus.)

Course Description: Discovery and exploration by European powers, to colonial foundations, movement for independence, early years of the Republic, national growth and expansion, sectionalism and the Civil War.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will:

A. demonstrate knowledge of North American settlements and the causes for their existence;
B. list the major causes and effects of the battles which have helped shape the United States;
C. identify and describe the presidential administrations, elections, and major occurrences in each;
D. memorize, recall and define the Constitutional Congress and outline the Constitution.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. discuss early colonization successes and failures; (A)
2. list the five major wars the U.S. has been involved, list at least a single cause for each war and lastly, list two effects of the wars; (B)
3. illustrate, identify and evaluate the Presidential administrations and the major events of each administration; (C)
4. evaluate the critical period of the Constitution Era and discuss those Constitutional Congress fathers and their contributions. (D)

Course Requirements: The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: students will attend class; students will be evaluated on results of semester exams; students will be required to participate in class discussions and activities.

In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor’s section syllabus.
Course Grading Scale:

A 90-100%
B 80-89%
C 70-79%
D 60-69%
F 59% or below

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

Course Fees: None

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