

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:**HY2039 The United States of America: From British colony to global superpower****UK LEVEL:4****UK CREDITS: 15****US CREDITS: 3/0/3**

(Previously: HY2070 and HY2071 American History I and American History II)
(New Course Fall 2025)

PREREQUISITES:**CATALOG
DESCRIPTION:**

The United States of America's development from a British Colony to an independent country, and its eventual rise to a global superpower.

RATIONALE:

The course offers students a broad overview of key historical events from the establishment of early settlements to the American Revolution and from the American Civil War through the rise of the US as a global superpower post WWII.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

As a result of taking this course, the students should be able to:

1. Discuss major historical events that highlight key moments in the evolution of the United States of America;
2. Explain ideological, social, and political forces that underlay specific historical phenomena;
3. Demonstrate understanding of the role of the US in the global scene.

**METHOD OF TEACHING AND
LEARNING:**

In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:

- Classes consist of lectures and interactive learning (class discussions on contemporary as well as historical cases).
- Office hours: Students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their instructor, where they can discuss the course material.
- Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams.
- Use of a Blackboard site, where instructors can post lecture notes assignment instructions, timely announcements, and additional resources.

ASSESSMENT:**Summative:**

1st assessment: Portfolio of Assessments	
<u>Portfolio components:</u>	
Essay on a selected topic P/F	
Essay on the same selected topic (1200 words)	35%
Reflective-essay (600 words)	15%
2nd assessment: final examination (essay-type questions)	50%

Formative:

Class participation	0%
Worksheets and review questions	0%

The 1st summative assessment tests LOs 2,3.

The 2nd summative assessment tests LOs 1, 3.

The formative assessment aims to prepare students for the final exam

Students are required to resit failed assessments in this module.

