

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR: HY 2039 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: FROM BRITISH COLONY TO GLOBAL SUPERPOWER

(Previously: HY 2070 and American History I and HY 2071 American History II)

UK LEVEL: 4
UK CREDITS: 15
US CREDITS: 3/0/3

(New Fall 2022)

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:	<p>As a result of taking this course, the students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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:	<p>In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:	<p>Summative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="626 1507 1369 1797"> <tr> <td colspan="2">1st assessment: Portfolio of Assessments</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Portfolio components:</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essay on a selected topic (800 words) P/F</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essay on the same selected topic (1200 words)</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reflective-essay (500 words)</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd assessment: final examination (essay-type questions)</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Formative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="626 1864 1369 1936"> <tr> <td>Class participation</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Worksheets and review questions</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> </table> <p>The 1st summative assessment tests LOs 2,3.</p>	1st assessment: Portfolio of Assessments		<u>Portfolio components:</u>		Essay on a selected topic (800 words) P/F		Essay on the same selected topic (1200 words)	30%	Reflective-essay (500 words)	10%	2nd assessment: final examination (essay-type questions)	60%	Class participation	0%	Worksheets and review questions	0%
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	<p>The 2nd summative assessment tests LOs 1, 3.</p> <p>The formative assessment aims to prepare students for the final exam <i>Students are required to resit failed assessments in this module.</i></p>
INDICATIVE READING:	<p>REQUIRED READING: Norton, Mary Beth, Carol Sheriff, Carol, David M. Katzman, David M., Blight, David. <i>A People and a Nation: A History of the United States</i>, Cengage Advantage Books Wadsworth Publishing, 11th edition 2019</p> <p>RECOMMENDED READING: Johnson, Paul. <i>A History of the American People</i>. Harper Perennial, 1999. McPherson, James. <i>Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era</i>, Oxford History of the United States. Oxford 2003. Zinn, Howard. <i>A People's History of the United States</i>. Harper Perennial, 2017.</p>
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: N/A</p>
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Written reports in Word. Oral reports using the appropriate skills and in proper English.
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Word
WWW RESOURCES:	www.lib.berkeley.edu/ www.civilwar.com/ www.historynet.com/.../american_history www.historycentral.com/USHistory.html
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting the Cultures 2. The first English Settlements 3. The Empire under Strain 4. The American Revolution 5. Cotton, Slaves & the Old South 6. An Age of Reforms 7. The Impending Crisis 8. The Civil War 9. Reconstruction 10. The Imperial Republic 11. Rise of Progressivism 12. America & the Great War 13. The Inter-War Period 14. The Great Depression 15. World War II 16. The Role of the US in the Cold War

