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Effective: Fall 2017

1. **Course Number:** HIS104
Course Title: United States History since 1865
2. **Description:** This introductory survey of United States History from Reconstruction to the present addresses major social, cultural, political, and economic developments with emphasis on their relation to contemporary United States institutions and trends.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - identify and describe the key national events and trends in the U.S. since 1865
 - review and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources
 - use critical thinking and skeptical inquiry when studying the causal factors and historical background of the United States to promote active and responsible citizenship
 - demonstrate an active understanding through critical discussion and argument of the importance of diversity in terms of peoples and perspectives in the historical development of the United States
 - describe the basic research methods in the construction of history identifying the bias that may develop and be exposed in the historical process, and assess the use of evidence
 - utilize maps and identify locations relevant to the course content outline
 - use written assignments, examinations, class discussion, and small group activities to assess course outcomes
4. **Credits:** Three credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades to be based upon exams, written work, class interest and participation, and attendance.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Reconstruction
 - Western Settlement and American Indian Policy
 - Industrialization and Workforce Development
 - Immigration
 - Politics and Culture in the Gilded Age
 - Imperialism
 - Populism and Progressivism
 - WWI
 - The Twenties
 - The Great Depression and the New Deal
 - WWII
 - Society in the 1950s
 - The Cold War including Korea and Vietnam
 - The Civil Rights Movements and activism of the 1960s
 - Watergate and the Conservative Resurgence
 - Globalization