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1. Course Number: HIS217

Course Title: The Civil War

2. Description: This course addresses a crucial era in United States history: the Civil War. The class covers three major areas of historical inquiry a) the events that led up to the war including sectionalism and slavery; b) the war itself including an overview of military events, the political and economic impact of war, and the social history of war; and c) Reconstruction, the process by which the nation sought to rebuild after the war.

3. Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:

- identify and interpret the major events and significant individuals in the history of the Civil War and Reconstruction
- evaluate the causes and consequences of the Civil War
- review and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources
- compare through reading, critical discussion and argument the experiences and perspectives of the diverse participants in the conflict
- utilize maps and identify locations relevant to the course content outline
- assess 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
- collect primary and secondary scholarly data to synthesize and construct a substantive research project in appropriate format style

4. Credits: Three credits

5. Satisfies General Education Requirement: Behavioral and Social Science

6. Prerequisite: ENL101 (English Composition I) and a 100-level history course

7. Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Summer

8. Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation: Assessment is based upon examinations, written assignments including research, class participation, and attendance.

9. General Topical Outline (Optional):

- Comparison of the North and South including political and economic differences, the utilization of slave and free labor, geographical, and cultural differences.
- Slavery
- Sectionalism
- Secession
- Mobilization for War
- Wartime Participants
- Northern and Southern Home Fronts
- Major Battles and Turning Points of War
- The Emancipation of Slaves
- The End of the Military Crisis
- Presidential Reconstruction
- Congressional / Radical Reconstruction
- Republicans and Democrats in Reconstruction
- The Successes and Failures of Reconstruction
- The Impact and Significance of War