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1. **Course Number:** HIS103
Course Title: United States History to 1865
2. **Description:** This introductory survey of United States History from the European invasion of North America through the mid 19th Century period of the Civil War and Reconstruction addresses major social, cultural, political, and economic developments with emphasis on their relation to contemporary United States institutions and trends.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
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. to 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 are based upon exams, written work, class interest and participation, and attendance.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - First Nations
 - European Colonization
 - Social Order and Imperial Crisis
 - Slavery and Servitude
 - The Great Awakening and the Creation of American Identity
 - The Seven Years' War
 - The American Revolution
 - The Creation of the Constitution and a New Republic
 - Federalism and Jeffersonian Democracy
 - Nationalism and the War of 1812
 - Industrialization and the Market Revolution
 - Jacksonian Democracy
 - Western Expansion
 - 19th Century Culture and the Age of Reform
 - Immigration
 - Sectionalism
 - Civil War