

# HIST 281 : Introduction to American History I

**Credits:** 3

**Class Hours:** 3 lecture

**Prerequisites:** Qualified for ENG 100.

**Description:** This course is a survey of American history from the Paleolithic era through the Civil War, focusing on social history - seeking to tell the story of America "from the bottom up." Students will examine major events, trends and themes in the American past from multiple perspectives and will produce a piece of original research on the early American world.

**Semester Offered:** Fall (every even year), Spring (every even year)

**Designation:**

Diversification: Humanities — DH

**Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs):**

1. Describe, analyze and interpret the major themes in American history from the pre-Columbian period through the colonial era, the American Revolution, early 19th century and the Civil War periods.
2. Produce an original research paper, utilizing both primary and secondary sources.
3. Identify important individuals and events in American history through the Civil War.
4. Analyze primary source documents.