American Civil War and Reconstruction

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Credit: 3 cr.

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Catalog Description:
Examines the causes, character, and consequences of two great American events; the Civil War and Reconstruction, from the mid-19th century to 1877. Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate knowledge about the failure of antebellum political mechanisms, the growth of sectionalism, justifications for and against secession, and the methods and implications of war. Students will also gain a deeper understanding of the different constitutional systems underpinning the conflict, efforts to eradicate Southern separatism, and the promises, failures, and continuing legacy of the Reconstruction Era.

Course Description:
This blended online course introduces students to the American Civil War and Reconstruction 1860-1877. There will be 4 class sessions and the rest of the course will be online!

Meeting Dates: Fred Brown Center
January 21st, Feb 4th, Feb 18th, Mar 4th.
Remaining classes online!
Course Textbooks:

   ISBN-10: 0679755438

   ISBN-10: 0618001875

Course Learner Outcomes:

*The student will be able to:*

- **Summarize** the major events and military battles related to the American Civil War.
- **Identify and discuss** the major economic, social, political issues, and ideologies that set the stage for the Civil War.
- **Identify and describe** the major figures of the Civil War period.
- **Discuss and evaluate** the major issues that still exist today as a result of the Civil War.

Course Learning Strategies:

- Blackboard (LMS) will be used in this course for all information, assignments, projects and tests.
- Lecture
- Discussion Board
- Video Series The Civil War by Ken Burns
- Guest Speakers
- Other Videos
- Textbook Readings
- Short Essay Writing Assignment
- Midterm Essay Exam

**The Civil War: The Ken Burns Series. (streamed over internet)**

We will watch, discuss, and write about the video series.

**Episodes:**


Course Policies:

- Attendance is required for all class meeting unless excused due to illness or special situation.
c. Late papers will **not** be accepted unless special permission is given.
d. The contents and the organization of this course may change at any time due to the needs of the instructor!

**Academic Integrity Policy:** All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others’ ideas, and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and or dean of undergraduate studies.

**Assessment and Grading:**

I will use a point system.

- **Short Essays**- 10 pts each
- **Discussion Boards**-5pts each
- **Midterm Exam**- 50pts
- **Class Presentation** 100pts
- **Final Project**-100pts

**Final grades are to follow the percentages outlined below.**

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- below 59 F