

Montgomery County Community College
 HIS 213
 The Civil War and Reconstruction
 3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the period from the election of Lincoln in 1860 to the end of reconstruction in 1877. The military history of the war will be studied in its political and social context. Stress will be given to the revolutionary changes brought about by the War, especially those affecting African-Americans. Causes of the Civil War will be studied and how it evolved into a war against slavery.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era within the larger context of American History.	Exams Quizzes Document Analyses Article Reviews Book Reviews Website Reviews Research Papers Class Discussions Presentations Lecture Assigned Readings Case Studies	Exams Class Discussion Lecture
2. Analyze the political, social, economic, and cultural forces which shaped the period.	Exams Quizzes Document Analyses Article Reviews Book Reviews Website Reviews Research Papers Class Discussions Presentations Lecture Assigned Readings Case Studies	Exams Research Paper Class Discussion Lecture

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3. Discuss the significant military events of the Civil War period.	Exams Quizzes Document Analyses Article Reviews Book Reviews Website Reviews Research Papers Class Discussions Presentations Lecture Assigned Readings Case Studies	Exams Quizzes Class Discussion Lecture
4. Identify the struggle and transition from slavery through emancipation to reconstruction, including the ethical perspective.	Exams Quizzes Document Analyses Article Reviews Book Reviews Website Reviews Research Papers Class Discussions Presentations Lecture Assigned Readings Case Studies	Exams Quizzes Class Discussion Lecture Papers
5. Interpret Civil War/ Reconstruction historiography through primary and secondary sources.	Exams Quizzes Document Analyses Article Reviews Book Reviews Website Reviews Research Papers Class Discussions Presentations Lecture Assigned Readings Case Studies	Exams Quizzes Class Discussion Lecture Papers

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Slavery, the Constitution and Anti-Slavery
2. The Beginnings of the War
3. North Versus South: Some Comparisons
4. The First Year
5. Antietam and Emancipation
6. Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Chattanooga
7. Behind the Lines
8. Grant and Sherman
9. The End of the War
10. Reconstruction: Washington, D.C.
11. Reconstruction in the South

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Text(s) will be selected, as needed, by the History Faculty.

Present selected text:

McPherson, James. *Ordeal by Fire: The Civil War and Reconstruction*.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.