

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: HIST 110 Department: History

Course Title: Early U.S. History Semester: Spring Year: 1997

Objectives/Competencies

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<p>1. The purpose of this course is to have students gain an understanding and appreciation of America's complicated and often fractious past. From the pre-colonial period through the era of Reconstruction, students will receive a balanced view of the American Experience. Through the study of such subjects as war, revolution, slavery, and a variety of other topics, students will gain a greater insight, and the necessary context, to evaluate their own lives. In the words of the great philosopher, Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it."</p>	<p>1. This course is organized around a series of lectures, discussions, and other active learning experiences using primary sources. Textual analyses and the close reading of other relevant material are additional features. Students will also critique a variety of audio-visually to sharpen their analytical skills.</p> <p>2. By course end, students will have gained a greater understanding of, for example: Pre-Colonial "genocide" of Native-Americans, Puritanism (still with us today in many ways), the American Revolution, slavery, the great central event of American History...The Civil War.</p>