

HIS 105 – Contemporary U.S. History

Course Description

Surveys U.S. history from the end of the Civil War. Traces socioeconomic developments following the First World War and their impact on present American attitudes and policies toward domestic as well as international affairs.

Instructional Materials

Schultz, Kevin M. (2014) *HIST: Volume 2: U.S. history since 1865* (3rd ed.). University of Illinois at Chicago: Wadsworth Cengage Learning. (**Note:** This is a textbook uniquely created for Strayer and can only be purchased through the Strayer Bookstore. The contents of the book differ from the national title.)

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Identify and discuss the different ways that the heritage of slavery, the Civil War, the Reconstruction, and segregation have shaped America's history.
2. Summarize and discuss the ways that formal policies of government have influenced the direction of historical and social development in the United States.
3. Examine how changes in social and economic conditions and technology can cause corresponding changes in the attitudes of the people and policies of the government.
4. Specify ways that women and minorities have responded to challenges and made contributions to American culture.
5. Analyze the rise of the United States to a world "superpower" and how that status has shaped its internal developments in recent decades.
6. Recognize the major turning points in American history since the Civil War.
7. Analyze how historical events shape America's current society, economy, politics, and culture.
8. Use technology and information resources to research issues in contemporary U.S. history.
9. Write clearly and concisely about contemporary U.S. history using proper writing mechanics.