Minnesota State University Moorhead

HIST 363: Gilded Age and Progressive Era

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Designed to fulfill an upper-level U.S. history requirement for History and Social Studies majors, this course surveys the history of the United States from roughly 1877 to 1920, a period of western settlement, industrialization, massive immigration, and the rise of cities. These developments involved wrenching changes, and the course will examine the problems that were created and the efforts of reformers to address those problems.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/23/2010 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- 1. Westward expansion
- 2. Industrialization
- 3. Urbanization
- 4. Immigration
- 5. White supremacy
- 6. Emergence of the U.S. as a global power

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

- 1. To understand major trends in U.S. history during the period 1877-1920
- 2. To understand the political issues of the period, the obstacles to reform, and the accomplishments of reformers
- 3. To better appreciate the diversity of the American people during a period of great change and social tensions
- 4. To develop reading skills using a variety of source materials
- 5. To develop critical thinking skills using a problem-and-response model in analyzing the issues of the day
- 6. To develop skills in both oral and written communication
- 7. To develop skills finding, interpreting, and organizing research

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted