# Minnesota State University Moorhead

# HIST 121: History of the United States to 1877

## A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

The colonial beginnings to the end of Reconstruction; the founding of the American society and growth of the new nation through the aftermath of the Civil War. MnTC Goal 5.

## B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 03/26/2006 - Present

# C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- 1. Pre-Columbian Native America
- 2. Colonial America
- 3. The American Revolution
- 4. The Early National Period
- 5. Antebellum America
- 6. Civil War and Reconstruction

## **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

- 1. Students will understand how the United States developed from the original British colonies into a democracy.
- 2. Students will gain an appreciation of the diversity of the American people, in terms of race, ethnicity, religion, and region.
- 3. Students will understand the processes of westward expansion and economic development during this period.
- 4. Students will understand the causes and consequences of the Civil War.

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

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

- 1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
- 2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
- 3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.

## F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

#### **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted