WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: United States History I

COURSE NUMBER: HIS 201

I. RATIONALE:

In dealing with our complex, industrialized, and urbanized society, it is very important for us to realize that it was once more simple, more agrarian and rural in nature. Understanding how and when this transformation took place is necessary for any understanding of contemporary American society.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to:

IDEA- 1  1. Gain factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)
IDEA- 12  2. Acquire an interest in learning more by asking questions and seeking answers

3. Study the major cultural, economic, political, and social trends in America from the colonial era to Reconstruction.
4. Understand why people have changed the way they live, their form of government, and their self-concepts and world views.
5. Understand economic principles as they relate to cultural, political, and social aspects of society.
6. Develop the basis with which to pursue life-long learning in this field through the use of the course bibliography.
7. Understand the intellectual and philosophical underpinnings of the American form of government.
8. Demonstrate effective mastery of these objectives through proficient written and oral expression of ideas through tests, projects, papers, and/or presentations.