



**Course Name:** The U.S. Civil War  
**Course Number:** HIS\* 226  
**Credits:** 3 Credit Hours

**Catalog description:**

This course will emphasize the origins of the Civil War, its revolutionary nature, and its immediate and long-term consequences for the South and the nation. Although the military events of the war will occupy a portion of the class's studies, we will also focus on the key social, political, and economic questions of the era, with particular attention on the more activist role of government at that time, as well as on the significance of slavery and emancipation both during and after the war.

**Prerequisite, Corequisite, or Parallel:** ENG\* 101

**General Education Competencies Satisfied:**

**HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):**

None

**Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:**

None

**Embedded Competency(ies):**

None

**Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):**

SSCI                      Social Science elective

**Course objectives:**

**Course Specific Objectives::**

1. Develop a basic understanding of the major events of the Civil War.
2. Analyze the long-term causes of the Civil War.
3. Analyze the significance of the Civil War and its legacy on American society.

**COURSE CONTENT:**

1. Introduction and the meaning of the Civil War to America
2. Long-Term Causes – Market Revolution, King Cotton and Slavery



3. The Political and Social Crises of the 1850s
4. The Deepening Crisis to Secession
5. Fort Sumter and Getting Ready for War
6. Summer 1861 and Bull Run
7. The Western War and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run
8. Northern Politics, Emancipation, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville
9. Summer 1863, the Fire in the Rear in both the North and South
10. African-Americans in the Civil War
11. Northern Discontent, Economics, and Women in the Civil War
12. Wartime Reconstruction, the Stalemate, and the Impending 1864 Election
13. From Atlanta to Appomattox
14. Reconstruction (1865-1870)
15. Reconstruction to the Compromise of 1877 and Beyond

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