

## COURSE DETAIL

### FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN STUDIES I: THE ORIGINS OF THE NATION

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

American Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

10

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

A

**UCEAP Official Title**

FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN STUDIES I: THE ORIGINS OF THE NATION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ORIGINS OF AMERICA

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

### **Course Description**

This course in American studies focuses on the historical beginning with Columbus's voyage and concluding with the Civil War. In this course, students develop an understanding of American culture by reading, viewing, and discussing documents and images that are central to the theory and reality of the United States as a nation. Texts include political and legal documents, novels, poems, an autobiography, a slave narrative, speeches, visual art, and contemporary films. The course considers the ways in which the story of the United States has changed over time and looks for consistent ideas in what it means to be American. Students identify the authors' various claims of American distinctiveness and evaluate these claims in relation to the legacies of slavery and Manifest Destiny in an international context. The course also introduces theories of nationalism and print culture.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

AMER1050

### **Host Institution Course Title**

FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN STUDIES I: THE ORIGINS OF THE NATION

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

American Studies

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