COURSE DETAIL

BUILDING THE AMERICAN NATION
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of London, Queen Mary
Program(s) University of London, Queen Mary
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 62
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title BUILDING THE AMERICAN NATION
UCEAP Transcript Title AMERICAN NATION
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course explores the turbulent development of the United States from its inception in 1776 with the Declaration of Independence through to its ascendance as an industrial and imperial world power in 1896. Students explore the history of this young nation from the writing of the Constitution, through contests over democracy, slavery and the Civil War, to an era of mass immigration and industrial capitalism. Throughout the module our studies will be guided by four themes which were central to the building of an American nation and which continue to divide opinion today: expansion, race, capitalism, and democracy. Students gain an understanding of different approaches to studying American history and demonstrate an ability to marshal historical knowledge to make a convincing case in favor of their own critical interpretation of the past.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HSZ4332

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of Society and Environment

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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