

CENTRE FOR CANADIAN, US & LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
M.PHIL COURSE

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| Course No. | : | AW 602 |
| Course Title | : | Themes in Contemporary American History |
| Teacher | : | Prof. K.P. Vijayalakshmi |
| Credit Allotted | : | 3 |
| Instructional Method | : | Lectures and Seminars |
| Evaluation Method | : | Sessional Work and end Semester Examination |
| Semester | : | Monsoon Semester |
| Course Duration | : | One Semester |
| Contact Hours | : | 4 per week |

COURSE CONTENT

I Heritage:

- i) A Nation Emerges
- ii) Federalists and Republicans
- iii) Manifest Destiny and Sectional Conflict
- iv) Civil War/Reconstruction
- v) Progressive Era

II The Immigrant Experience:

- i) American National Character and Civilization Pattern.
- ii) Natural Resources, Human Resources, and Regions.

III Capitalist Economy and Business:

- i) Market vs Agrarian Republic
- ii) American Capitalism
- iii) Poverty and Welfare
- iv) Business and Corporate Empires

IV The US Political System:

- i) Democratic Idea/Concept: Governmental Process.
- ii) Class and Status in America.

V American Arts and Popular Culture:

- i) Sports

- ii) Radio, TV and Movies
- iii) Mass Media in the US

VI America as a World Power:

- i) The American World Image and World's Image of America
- ii) I World War
- iii) Prosperity and Social Change in 20s.
- iv) Depression and the New Deal
- v) II World War and the Perils of Peace

VII. Promise and Frustration: The 1960s:

- i) The Civil Liberties Movement
- ii) Johnson's Great Society

VIII. Crises of Confidence: The 1970s-80s:

- i) Emerging Republican Majority
- ii) New Federalism
- iii) Environmentalism
- iv) Urbanisation
- v) Women's Movements - Equal Rights

IX New America:

- i) Economic Culture in the Age of Interdependence
- ii) Technology, Society and Social Change
- iii) Whither America

Book List

Charles C. Mann, 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus

[American History](#) From Pre-Columbian to the New Millennium

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/index.asp>

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Clinton Rossiter, 1787: The Grand Convention (1966).

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Lonald, The Politics of Reconstruction (1965).

Daniel Aaron (ed.), America in Crisis (1952).

Lonald R McCoy, Coming of Age: The US in the age of 20s and 30s (1973).

Dixon Wecter, *The Age of the Great Depression 1929-1941* (1948).
Erik W. Austin, *Political Facts of the United States Since 1789*.(1986).
Ernest R. May, *The Maling of Monrse Doctrine* (1976).
Eugene Genovese, *From Rebellion to Revolution* (1979).
Edward S. Corwin, *The Constitution and What it means today* (1973).
Fredrick Mark, *Manifest Destiny and Mission in American History*, (1963).
Hamilton, Madison and Jay, *The Federalist*.
Henry Kissinger, *American Foreign Policy: Three Essays* (1969).
Jack M. Treadway, *Public Policy Making in American States* (1985).
Jack N. Rekove, *The Beginnings of National Politics* (1979).
Julius Pratt, *American Diplomatic History*.
Jerald A Combs, *American Diplomatic History: Two Centuries of Changing Interpretations*.
J.W. Watson, *North America*.
J.K. Galbraith, *The Great Crash* (1972).
James L. Sandquist, *Politics and Policy: The Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson Years*, (1968).
Jim Potter, *The American Economy Between the World Wars* (1974).
George Kennan, *Memoirs: 1925-1950* (1967).
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