Civil War & Reconstruction
HIS2150

Course Description
This course introduces the student to the important themes, people, and ideas arising from the period of the American Civil War. While the focus of the course is from 1850 to 1877, the place of the war and its impact on subsequent American history is also examined.

Rationale
This course supplies students with key information necessary to understand the development of major political, cultural, and racial issues that impact current life decisions. This foundation allows for the intelligent analysis and discussion of these events in preparation to make an informed impact on the community at the local, state, and national levels.

Prerequisite
None

Measurable Learning Outcomes
A. Explain the Dilemma of the Declaration and how it created a fundamental problem for the United States
B. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the events of the Civil War period
C. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the major personalities involved in the events during the Civil War period
D. Create a well-organized essay that argues a consistent point to an appropriate conclusion

Course Materials
See LUOA’s Systems Requirements for computer specifications necessary to operate LUOA curriculum. Also view Digital Literacy Requirements for LUOA’s expectation of users’ digital literacy.

- Note: Embedded YouTube videos may be utilized to supplement LUOA curriculum. YouTube videos are the property of the respective content creator, licensed to YouTube for distribution and user access. As a non-profit educational institution, LUOA is able to use YouTube video content under the YouTube Terms of Service. For additional information on copyright, please contact the Jerry Falwell Library.
Course Grading Policies

The student’s grades will be determined according to the following grading scale and assignment weights. The final letter grade for the course is determined by a 10-point scale. Assignments are weighted according to a tier system, which can be referenced on the Grades Page in Canvas. Each tier is weighted according to the table below. Items that do not affect the student’s grade are found in Tier 0.

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Course Policies

Students are accountable for all information in the Student Handbook. Below are a few policies that have been highlighted from the Student Handbook.

Types of Assessments

To simplify and clearly identify which policies apply to which assessment, each assessment has been categorized into one of four categories: Lesson, Assignment, Quiz, or Test. Each applicable item on the course Modules page has been designated with an identifier chosen from among these categories. Thus, a Quiz on the American Revolution may be designated by the title, “1.2.W Quiz: The American Revolution.” These identifiers were placed on the Modules page to help students understand which Honor Code and Resubmission policies apply to that assessment (see the Honor Code and Resubmission policies on the pages that follow for further details).

- **Lesson:** Any item on the Modules page designated as a “Lesson”
  These include instructional content and sometimes an assessment of that content. Typically, a Lesson will be the day-to-day work that a student completes.

- **Assignment:** Any item on the Modules page designated as an “Assignment”
  Typical examples of Assignments include, but are not limited to, papers, book reports, projects, labs, and speeches. Assignments are usually something that the student should do his or her best work on the first time.

- **Quiz:** Any item on the Modules page designated as a “Quiz”
  This usually takes the form of a traditional assessment where the student will answer questions to demonstrate knowledge of the subject. Quizzes cover a smaller amount of material than Tests.

- **Test:** Any item on the Modules page designated as a “Test”
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Resubmission Policy

Students are expected to submit their best work on the first submission for every Lesson, Assignment, Quiz, and Test. However, resubmissions may be permitted in the following circumstances:

- **Lesson**: Students are automatically permitted two attempts on a Lesson. The student may freely resubmit for their first two attempts without the need for teacher approval.

- **Assignment**: Students are intended to do their best work the first time on all Assignments. However, any resubmissions must be completed before the student moves more than one module ahead of that Assignment. For example, a student may resubmit an Assignment from Module 3 while in Module 4 but not an Assignment from Modules 1 or 2. High School students may not resubmit an Assignment without expressed written permission from the teacher in a comment.

- **Quiz**: Students may NOT resubmit for an increased grade.

- **Test**: Students may NOT resubmit for an increased grade.

If a student feels that he or she deserves a resubmission on a Lesson, Assignment, Quiz, or Test due to a technical issue such as a computer malfunction, the student should message his or her teacher to make the request, and that request will need to be approved by a Department Chair.

Consequences for Violations to the Honor Code

Every time a student violates the Honor Code, the teacher will submit an Honor Code Incident Report. The Student Support Coordinator will review the incident and allocate the appropriate consequences. Consequences, which are determined by the number of student offenses, are outlined below:

- **Warning**: This ONLY applies to high school Lessons and elementary/middle school Assignments and Lessons. Students should view these actions as learning opportunities.
  - **Lessons**: A zero will be assigned for the question only.
  - **Elementary/Middle School Assignment**: The student must redo his or her work; however, the student may retain his or her original grade.

- **1st Offense**:
  - **Lesson, Quiz, or Test**: The student will receive a 0% on the entire assessment.
  - **Assignment**: The student will either:
    - Receive a 0% on the original assignment
    - Complete the Plagiarism Workshop
    - Retry the assignment for a maximum grade of 80%

- **2nd Offense**: The student will receive a 0% and be placed on academic probation.

- **3rd Offense**: The student will receive a 0% and the Faculty Chair will determine the consequences that should follow, possibly including withdrawal from the course or expulsion from the academy.
Scope and Sequence
Civil War and Reconstruction

Module 1: Why the War Came
Topic 1: Setting the Stage
Topic 2: The History of Slavery and Compromise
Topic 3: The 1850s, the Emergence of Lincoln, and Secession
Topic 4: Building the Armies and Bull Run

Module 2: 1862 – Confederate High Tide
Topic 5: The Rise of Grant
Topic 6: The Rise of Lee
Topic 7: Antietam, Emancipation, and Fredericksburg
Topic 8: The Campaigns in Kentucky and Stones River

Module 3: 1863 – The Confederacy Unravels
Topic 9: The Mud March and Chancellorsville
Topic 10: The Gettysburg Campaign
Topic 11: The Vicksburg Campaign
Topic 12: Chickamauga and Chattanooga

Module 4: 1864 – The Twilight of the Rebellion
Topic 13: The Overland Campaign in Virginia
Topic 14: The Atlanta Campaign
Topic 15: The Siege of Petersburg
Topic 16: A Tale of Two Marches

Module 5: Reconstruction and the Future
Topic 17: The March through the Carolinas and Appomattox
Topic 18: Reconstruction, Part I
Topic 19: Reconstruction, Part II
Topic 20: Aftermath