



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

**HIS1110: Introduction to Modern American
History, 1877-present**

3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Examine historical concepts, perspectives, and methods.
 - a. Explore the importance of historical thought and literacy.
 - b. Examine primary sources relevant to modern American history.
 - c. Analyze changes in historiography over time.
 - d. Explore historical skills such as writing, researching, interviewing, and presenting.
2. Use historical skills to assess past events and eras in Modern American History.
 - a. Analyze primary sources, including political cartoons, commentary, diaries, etc.
 - b. Apply historical methodology to analysis.
 - c. Interpret speeches and writings to determine historical context.
3. Assess the significance of major events and developments in Modern American History.
 - a. Explain major events and the role of individuals related to significant chronological developments.
 - b. Compare and contrast past and current events.
 - c. Describe the connections between major events and social movements
 - d. Interpret Modern American events through a personal lens of a contemporary American
 - e. Explain America's growing involvement in world affairs in the 20th and 21st century
 - f. Evaluate the impact of race and gender
4. Describe the social, political, and economic development of the United States from Reconstruction to present
 - a. Generalize trends through the decades from Reconstruction to 2008
 - b. Summarize the impact of individuals and groups on the course of American History

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

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- Historical concepts, perspectives, and methods
- Historical Skills
- Major events and developments
- Social, political, and economic developments

Essential Questions

- What skills and methods are needed to understand and interpret historical events?
- How do we come to an accurate understanding of the American past and present?
- How have major events shaped America's identity?
- What does it mean to be an American and how has diversity contributed to our culture?
- How and why did America become a leader in the world and an example of democracy?

These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

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