

## University of Houston-Downtown

**Course Prefix, Number, and Title:** UHD 1306 Freshman Seminar–American History

**Component Area Option/Foundational Component Area:** American History

**Credits/Lecture/Lab Hours:** 3/3/0

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:** Within the context of the discipline and the special topic, these courses explore the interaction among individuals, communities, states, the nation, and the world, considering how these interactions have contributed to the development of the United States and its global role. These special topics courses focus on the consideration of past events and ideas relative to the United States, with the option of including Texas history. Strategies for academic success are practiced within the context of the special topic.

**Learning Outcomes:** Students will be able to:

- Evaluate and analyze historical perspectives, using primary and secondary sources, in light of their historical context; Explain how events in the past influence current events
- Analyze historical perspectives on ethical issues
- Effectively communicate in writing, orally, and visually, the analysis of historical questions and their results
- Analyze cause-and-effect relationships and discuss the effects of multiple causations upon historical events
- Compare and contrast how different cultures or subgroups interpret, perceive, or experience historical events;
- Relate events and ideas to change over time and across a broad survey of U. S. or Texas history
- Research and define academic and career goals within the discipline and develop learning strategies to support academic success and attainment of academic and career goals