

## University of Houston-Downtown

**Course Prefix, Number, and Title:** UHD 2306 University Seminar–American History

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

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

**Prerequisites:** ENG 1301; sophomore standing or departmental approval

**Course Description:** Within the context of the discipline and the special topic, these courses introduce students to higher-level critical thinking through a study of 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. Written and oral communication within the context of the topic's related discipline are emphasized. These courses also provide opportunities for transfer students to link to their intended majors early in their academic careers at UHD. Strategies for academic success are practiced within the context of the special topic and discipline.

**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