

**I. COURSE INFORMATION**

- A. History 225 The American West
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Hine, Robert V. and John Mack Faragher. *The American West*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000
- D. Prerequisites: None

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is a regional study of the American West with emphasis on the Great Plains. An overview of the American frontier from the age of discovery to 1890 is provided and the study of the Plains Indians and the range cattle industry is included.

**III. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. Define Describe the geographical regions of the Native American
- B. Reveal possible origins of the Native American
- C. Describe the concept of Indian culture as the adaptive mechanism by which the Native American has survived
- D. Reveal the consequences of the diffusion that existed between Indian and European, African, and Asian Americans
- E. Explain how the American frontier was settled by European, African, and Asian Americans
- F. Explain anecdotes symbolic of the drama associated with the settlement of the American West
- G. Reveal some of the many contributions made by American frontiersmen in the establishment of the United States

**IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

- A. A new world begins
- B. Contest of cultures
- C. Struggle of empires
- D. The land and its makers
- E. The fur trade
- F. Texas to Oregon
- G. War and destiny
- H. Mining frontiers
- I. The power of the railroad
- J. The open range
- K. The safety valve
- L. Search for community
- M. The urban frontier

**V. ASSIGNMENTS** (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Discussions
- B. Reading assignments
- C. Cartography
- D. Field trips
- E. Exams

**VI. EVALUATION METHODS** (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance
- B. Participation
- C. Assignments
- D. Exams