

HIST 456

COURSE NAME/NUMBER

LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. To examine the different definitions of citizenship prevalent in the U.S. from the 18th century to the present (see course content for more details)
2. To encourage students to think critically, and historically, about how different groups have been included in or excluded from the American polity
3. To use this historical exploration to come to a greater understanding of what it means to be a full and active citizen (with rights and obligations)

METHODS:

This course consists primarily of seminars devoted to in-class discussion of the assigned readings.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR

 Yes

 No
METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Challenge exam.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Leonard W. Levy, *The Establishment Clause: Religion and the First Amendment* (1994)

Nancy F. Cott, *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation* (2000)

Alexander Keyssar, *The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States* (2000)

Frederick Hoxie, *A Final Promise: The Campaign to Assimilate the Indians, 1880-1920* (1984)

Alice Kessler-Harris, *In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in Twentieth Century America* (2001)

Lizabeth Cohen, *A Consumer's Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America* (2003)
Coursepack

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Seminar Participation	10%
Critical Book Reviews (5-7 pages each; 2 x 25%)	50%
Legal case analysis:	
Annotated bibliography	5%
Oral presentation of case analysis	10%
Written analysis (10-12 pages)	25%

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

1. Introduction
2. "Consent of the Governed": The Revolutionary Period
3. Religion and the First Amendment (the early years)
4. Through the Prism of Marriage
5. The Vote
6. Citizens against their Will
7. The "Right" to Economic Security
8. Consumerism and Citizenship
9. Religion and the First Amendment (recent debates)