Administrative Unit: History and Social Sciences Department
Course Prefix and Number: HIST 250
Course Title: Missouri History
Number of Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0
Catalog Description: Survey of Missouri’s history from colonization to the present. The course examines the contributions of Missouri and its citizens to the development of the United States. In particular, it will highlight the state’s diverse cultural heritage and distinctive political culture. Occasional offering.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): None.
Text(s): The required text must be assigned and supplemented with a minimum of two recommended texts. Additional primary and secondary sources may be assigned as well.

Required:

Recommended:
Thomas Spencer, ed. The Other Missouri History: Populists, Prostitutes, and Regular Folk. Missouri.
LeeAnn Whites, ed. Women in Missouri History: In Search of Power and Influence. Missouri.

Other appropriate scholarly monographs may be assigned as well.
Course Objectives:
• To appreciate the heritage and the challenges of Missouri’s citizens.
• To explore the interrelationships between statewide concerns and national politics in Missouri.
• To compare and contrast various historiographical perspectives on Missouri and the Midwest.
### Measurable Learning Outcomes

- Describe the significant people, places, and events of Missouri history.
- Analyze the societies and cultures of the native populations in the lower Missouri River Valley under New France.
- Describe the transition of Missouri from U.S. territory to statehood.
- Explain the development of slavery and its impact upon the political economy of the state.
- Study the conflict and violence among Missourians during the Civil War.
- Analyze the factors contributing to industrialization and urbanization in Missouri during the late nineteenth century.
- Describe the influence of reform movements of Missouri politics during the modern era.
- Evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, and trends in the historiography of Missouri.

### Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

Because the course represents to a lower level history elective, it should provide chronological coverage of the following topics and require students to read, write, and speak about them:

- Missouri as Middle America
- Native Americans of Missouri
- The French and Spanish Empires
- Louisiana Purchase and the Territorial Government
- Statehood
- Slavery in Missouri
- The Gateway of the American West
- Expanding Population and Indian Removal
- Missouri in the Civil War
- The New South and the Middle Border
- From Steamboats to Railroads
- Industrialism and its Discontents
- Urban Development and Reform
- The Prendergast Era
- The 1945 Constitution and Modern Politics
- Social and Cultural Development
- Challenges of Contemporary Missouri

### Recommended maximum class size for this course:

35

### Library Resources:

Online databases are available at [http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp](http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp). You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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