

The American Age: People, Politics and Power

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	4505SRCHEL	
Formal Module Title	The American Age: People, Politics and Power	
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science	
Career	Undergraduate	
Credits	20	
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4	
Grading Schema	40	

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery

LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Southern Regional College

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Online	2
Seminar	11
Tutorial	11

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit

JAN-PAR	PAR	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	Broaden your understanding of key moments in America's history that have shaped its development as a nation2. Provide you with the opportunity to engage with a variety of sources and historical tools to better understand America's past3. Support your developing a methodical, analytical and critical approach to the study of history
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the various types of source materials used by scholars of American history and be able to apply this knowledge to future study
MLO2	2	Display knowledge of key US events and historiographical debates and be able to apply this understanding with clarity and coherence in assessment tasks and tutorial discussions
MLO3	3	Through written work, clearly present responses to key questions about America's development as a nation

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Topics to be covered may include:What it means to be an American: a nation forged by immigrantsThe Civil War, origins, aftermath & legacyReconciling freedom and power: understanding the American political systemAmerica's culture warsThe Modern Presidency America on the international stage Foreign policy from isolationism to Vietnam & beyond
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module allows students to engage with a variety of means of understanding the American nation via its people, political processes and actions abroad. Through a range of case studies and contextual lectures and material students will be introduced to important moments in America's history. It will discuss times which challenged the nation's sense of identity, changed the way it engaged with the world and both unified and divided the people who live within its borders.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	2000 word essay	50	0	MLO2, MLO3
Exam	2 hour unseen exam	50	2	MLO2, MLO1

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Kathryn Walchester	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings