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## **MODULE OVERVIEW**

### **Introduction**

This course introduces students to the history of the United States of America from the time of early European settlement to the present. Its focus is on the major social, economic and political developments in the history of the USA since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The USA is now the only acknowledged superpower after the collapse of the Soviet Union. It suggests, promotes and advances the World agenda in social, economic and political fields. The USA has played and still plays a major role in the changes on a global scale that have taken place and continue to take place in our world. An appreciation of the history of the United States therefore affords students a better understanding of major developments that have shaped our modern and contemporary world.

### **Course Aim**

The aim of the course is to equip students with in-depth understanding of the history of the United States of America.

### **Learning outcomes**

At the end of this course, students are expected to:

- (a) Describe the early history of the United States of America.
- (b) Demonstrate an understanding of the forces that have shaped the history of the United States of America
- (c) Examine the major themes in the history of the United States of America
- (d) Show an understanding of the relations between the United States of America and other countries.

### **Study skills**

In this course you will develop necessary skills to design, plan, and implement a Secondary School level programme.

### **Time frame**

The course should take you about three terms to complete. Listed below are the components of the course, what you have to do and suggestions as to how you should allocate your time to each unit in order that you may complete the course successfully and on time.

## Method of Teaching

The course will employ a variety of instructional methods to accomplish its learning outcomes, including the following:

Three Lectures per week  
Tutorial 1 hour per week  
Individual and team projects presentations

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## Assessment

<b>Continuous Assessment</b>	<b>50%</b>
One Assignment	25%
One Test	25%
<b>Final Examination</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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