MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE EDUCATION

Edu 5900.07 - The Evolution of Our 50 States: America's History
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- Asynchronous Online

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Course Description:
This course explores the rich and complex history of the United States through the lens of its fifty states, tracing the political, social, cultural, and economic evolution from colonial times to the present. Students will examine how the unique identities of each state developed in relation to national events, such as westward expansion, the Civil War, industrialization, and civil rights movements. Emphasizing both individual state histories and their interconnections within the broader narrative of the United States, the course will analyze key moments, people, and policies that shaped each state's trajectory. Topics will include the founding of the original 13 colonies, territorial expansion, statehood processes, regional tensions, and the shifting balance of power among states over time. All grade level teachers are invited as many of the lessons can be adapted for ages K-12.   Activities cover NYS Social Studies Standards 1,2,3,4 & 5.

Course Learning Objectives:
1. Analyze the historical development of each of the 50 states.
2. Identify key events and figures.
3. Investigate the role of migration and demographic change.
4. Examine the development of state economies.
5. Evaluate the purpose of regional identity.
6. Create an activity or lesson plan including concepts from this course.

Course Grading:

Discussion # 1	Introduction (5pts)	
Module # 1	Foundations of a Nation (10pts)	
Module # 2	The Road to Statehood (10pts)	
Module # 3	Revolution and Division (10pts)	
Discussion # 2	Contribute or Resist Change? (5pts)	
Module # 4	The Westward Push (10pts)	
Module # 5	Civil War and Reconstruction (10pts)	
Module # 6	Industrialization and Urbanization (10pts)	
Module # 7	The Future of Statehood (10pts)	
Module # 8	Create a lab activity including concepts from this course. (20pts)	