# Boise State University
## Foundations Course Application Form
### Spring 2015

### Part 1. Course Information

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<th>Delivery Format(s) - (Check all that apply):</th>
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### Part II. Syllabus Statement

Boise State’s Foundations Program provides undergraduates with a broad-based education that spans the entire university experience. History 112 satisfies three units of the Foundation Program’s Disciplinary Lens—Social Science requirement. It supports the following University Learning Outcomes, along with a variety of other course-specific goals.

- Apply knowledge and the methods of inquiry characteristic of the social sciences to explain and evaluate human behavior and institutions.
US History 1865 to the Present is designed to introduce students to the history of the United States, particularly the cause-and-effect historical patterns and growth of societal institutions that have shaped America. This course helps to achieve the goals of the Foundations program by assisting students apply knowledge and the methods of inquiry characteristic of the social sciences to explain and evaluate human behavior and systems. After successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

- Articulate how the experiences of war, economic and political dynamics, inequalities, technology, socio-cultural developments, international relations, and dissent influenced the United States and its people from 1865 to the present
- Analyze the ways that various political and social tenets and cultural influences shaped the United States after 1865
- Apply multidisciplinary and multicultural approaches to their study of the past
- Articulate how social, cultural, and political systems shape people’s perspectives (including one’s own) and how they influence interpretations of contemporary and past events
- Identify, distinguish between, and interpret primary and secondary historical sources
- Describe and apply historical methodology
- Develop a historical argument and support it with appropriate evidence

Part III. Design for Accessibility

In the space below, briefly describe plans for providing access to course materials and activities (or equivalent alternatives) to all students in adherence with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Although these plans may vary from instructor to instructor, the descriptions provided below should be representative of intended departmental and instructor practices. (See example statements appended to this form)

All posted pdf reading assignments will be checked for readability by a screen reader. (The college will ask Academic Technologies to help with a review of these electronic materials). Whenever available, videos chosen for use in the course will be those that have been close-captioned by the content producer to provide access to students with hearing impairment. PowerPoints used in class lectures, insofar as they contain graphs or other visual representations of content, will be verbally described to students on an as-needed basis. We will add textual descriptions accessible by screen readers to images used on the course web site. Extra time on tests, oral examinations, or other accommodations will be provided to students as needed per the policies of the Disability Resource center.

Part IV. Evidence of Quality Course Design and Alignment with Foundation ULOs
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<th>Foundation ULO 11</th>
<th>Course Learning Outcomes</th>
<th>Assessment Method: Evidence of Student Learning</th>
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| **Understanding of individuals as members of a particular culture and/or community** | • Articulate how the experiences of war, economic and political dynamics, inequalities, technology, socio-cultural developments, international relations, and dissent influenced the United States and its people from 1865 to the present  
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• Apply multidisciplinary and multicultural approaches to their study of the past  
• Articulate how social, cultural, and political systems shape people’s perspectives (including one’s own) and how they influence interpretations of contemporary and past events | • Formal and informal in-class assignments, which may include exams, focused on how multiple cultures contributed to the development of the US  
• Out-of-class reading and writing assignments, which may include exams, asking students to analyze how social, cultural, and political systems shape peoples’ views and how those perspectives in turn shaped how the US developed  
• Small and large group discussions about the roles of dissent and power dynamics in various nation-shaping events post 1865  
• Assignments or discussions asking students to articulate and evaluate their views and how their personal history might shape their understanding of US history | • Lectures that incorporate videos, primary documents, and appropriate secondary literature  
• Small and large group discussions  
• Reading assignments taken from sources representing various disciplines and literary genres  
• Clearly designed written assignments – both in and out of class – that assess students’ comprehension of the material and their level of analytical skills |
| **Understanding of historical and/or cultural forces** | • Apply multidisciplinary and multicultural approaches to their study of the past  
• Articulate how social, cultural, and political systems shape people’s perspectives (including one’s own) and how they influence interpretations of contemporary and past events | • Analytical essays where students must articulate and defend historical arguments using primary and secondary sources from a variety of perspectives  
• Exams designed to assess students’ comprehension of historical developments and their ability to summarize, synthesize, and evaluate the diverse materials presented in class  
• Small group discussions of texts that include primary and secondary sources that present a variety of perspectives  
• Lectures illustrating the roles of debate, dissent, and power dynamics in various nation-shaping events post-1865, and in historians’ interpretations of those events | |
**Reasoning, inquiry, and problem-solving**
- Articulate how social, cultural, and political systems shape people’s perspectives (including one’s own) and how they influence interpretations of contemporary and past events
- Identify, distinguish between, and interpret primary and secondary historical sources
- Describe and apply historical methodology
- Develop a historical argument and support it with appropriate evidence
- Brief essays where students answer a question using a variety of evidence and explain their choices for using a particular method in answering historical questions
- Reading assignments incorporating various types of historical sources (novels; memoirs; images; primary texts; textbooks, articles, or monographs).
- Lectures that introduce and elaborate on a variety of historical methods and sources
- Small and large group discussions focused on appropriate historical methods, sources, and practice

**Responsibility, personal reflection**
- Articulate how the experiences of war, economic and political dynamics, inequalities, technology, socio-cultural developments, international relations, and dissent influenced the United States and its people from 1865 to the present
- Discussions that highlight the role of dissent in US history and how individuals and groups effected change
- In-class and out-of-class assignments focused on evaluating the role of the individual and of communities in the development of US cultural, social, and political systems
- Small and large group discussions
- Clearly designed written assignments – both in and out of class – that assess students’ comprehension of the material and their level of analytical skills
Part V. Additional Justification (optional)

If the brief justification provided to the University Curriculum Committee in the proposal to accompany the “Request for Curriculum Action” seems insufficient to make the case for including of the course in the Foundations program, additional (optional) narrative can be included here.
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Review Committee Checklist

- X Syllabus Statement – the syllabus statement introduces students to the purpose and role of the course in the Foundational Studies Program curriculum. (A standard syllabus statement is available on the Foundations Program website.)
- X University Learning Outcomes (ULOs) – the ULOs are specified, as appropriate, for the type of foundational studies course (DLS, DLM, DLL, DLN, DLV, CID or FF).
- X Course Learning Outcomes – the Course Learning Outcomes are clearly stated, designed for the level of the course, and designed to support the University Learning Outcomes (ULOs) for the course.
- X Assessment Methods -- the assessment methods for the course are clearly stated and appropriate for measuring the Course Learning Outcomes for the course.
- X Teaching and Learning Activities / Pedagogy -- the planned teaching and learning activities clearly align with the assessment methods and are designed to promote achievement of the stated course learning outcomes and ULOs for the course.
- X Course design and materials have considered best practices for accessibility to course materials and ideas by all students (e.g., alternatives to auditory and visual content)
- X For DL courses only – the course meets the Idaho Statewide GEM Outcomes criteria. (A table matching GEM Outcomes to BSU ULOs is available from the Foundations Program.)

Feedback from Review Committee:

- Accept Application
- Revise/Resubmit Application
- Reject Application