

**CSU Course Outline Review Criteria
United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals Areas
1, 2, and 3**

Courses meeting the American Institutions requirements specified in Title 5 fall into these three areas:

- US-1 The historical development of American institutions and ideals (Area US-1)
- US-2 The Constitution of the United States and the operation of representative democratic government under that Constitution (Area US-2)
- US-3 The process of California state and local government (Area US-3).

Area and Criterion

Area US-1

- Significant events
- 100 years
- Entire area that is now the U.S.
- Relationship of regions within U.S. area
- Relationships with external regions, powers
- Role of major ethnic groups
- Role of major social groups
- Continuity of American experience
- Derivation from other cultures

Area US-2

- Politics, economics, social movements, geography (at least 3)
- Political philosophies of framers of U.S. Constitution
- Operation of political institutions, processes under U.S. Constitution
- Rights and obligations of citizens under U.S. Constitution

Area US-3

- California State Constitution
- Nature and processes of California state and local government
- Relationships of state and local government with federal government

Source: California State University Chancellor's Office - Academic Program Planning
Review criteria sources: [Title 5 Section 40404](#); [CSU EO 405](#)
