

# CGCC HI 221: The Civil War

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## General overview of the curriculum

This course is an in-depth study of the events leading up to the American Civil War and the military and political history of the war. It will also include a short look at the consequences of the war. Students will examine military and political objectives and strategies, evaluate different versions of the same events, and explore alternative resolutions to historical issues. This course will require reading of primary and secondary texts, critical thinking, round table-type classroom discussion, and persuasive writing. Note: Repeat of HI 123 and HI 221H. Prerequisite: HI 103 or HI 104, or a score of 85 or above on the NYS Regents exam in American History.

## Overview of assignments

There will be reading assignments from a number of books that will be discussed in class. Each quarter will have an essay and test. There will also be a final paper and a final exam.

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## Summer Assignment

There is no summer assignment.

## Expectations, policies, and tips for success

All assignments must be completed in full and on time. Late work is strongly discouraged and accepted only in the most extenuating of circumstances. Students should use the class calendar and plan ahead so that they can stay on pace with their work and not get overwhelmed. Students may submit essays days early to receive feedback and improve their writing. Students should be fully committed to the course once they begin and should plan for a challenging but fulfilling year. Students should avoid registering for the course to be with friends or “just to try it out.”

## Materials list

1. Folder
2. Loose leaf paper for homework and warmup responses
3. Pens and pencils