

102-003 Australia and America

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour tutorial per week for 12 weeks Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Coordinator:	Dr Graham Willett
Subject Overview:	This subject examines, in a comparative context, historical and cultural developments in the United States and Australia from the mid-19th century until the present day. In tracing the similarities and differences in the experiences of these two nations, themes to be addressed will include: frontier histories and the rights of Indigenous people; issues of civil rights, ethnicity and gender; immigration and its resulting social and political consequences; war and society; foreign policy and the ramifications of terrorism. The subject will also investigate the ways Australians and Americans have viewed each other's societies, and the cultural and political ties between the two countries.
Assessment:	A shorter essay of 1500 words 30% (due mid-semester), a research essay of 2500 words 60% (due during the examination period) and lecture quiz 10%. Students must complete all assignments and attend at least 8 of the 12 tutorials to be eligible for assessment.
Prescribed Texts:	Prescribed Texts:A subject reader will be available to purchase.
Breadth Options:	This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008. This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future. Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available. 2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	# Time management and planning: through managing and organizing workloads for recommended reading, essay and assignment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Research: through competent use of the library and other information sources, and the definition of areas of inquiry and methods of research # Critical thinking and analysis: through recommended reading, essay writing and tutorial discussion, and by determining the strength of an argument # Thinking in theoretical terms: through lectures, tutorial discussion, essay writing and engagement in the methodologies of the humanities and social sciences # Understanding of social, ethical and cultural context: through the contextualisation of judgments, developing a critical self-awareness, being open to new ideas and possibilities and by constructing an argument
Related Course(s):	<p> Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts(Media and Communication) & Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Arts(Media and Communications) Diploma in Arts (American Studies) Diploma in Arts (Australian Studies) Diploma in Arts (History) Graduate Certificate in Arts (American Studies) Graduate Certificate in Arts (Australian Studies) Graduate Certificate in Arts (History) Graduate Diploma in Arts (American Studies) Graduate Diploma in Arts (Australian Studies) Graduate Diploma in Arts (History) </p>