

# HIST 503: Civil War and Reconstruction—1837 to 1919

This course explores this era as a “hinge” period of American history, as well as a “linchpin” between what the United States was in the young federal era and what it would become after WWI. It saw the United States win its internal struggle over secession and later help defeat the Central Powers in World War I. Yet in between, it struggled with the pacification of Native Americans, a misguided attempt at Empire, and the nagging question of racism. Students should leave this course with a detailed overview to help them teach these topics, plus a basic bibliography, plus a knowledge of the historiography of the various topics included.

Credits: 3

Program: **Education**