

# Hands-on History

## Civil War History Class

**The American Civil War History Class examines the social, political, economic, and ideological forces that led to the Civil War and Reconstruction.**

### Student Comments

*“Because this was a hands-on history class, I gained a much greater understanding of the Civil War than I would have otherwise. It was difficult to understand the battles in the classroom, but I eventually got to a point where I felt comfortable with them. Going to the battlefields put everything into place. All of the information I absorbed during the seated portion came back to me and made sense. While I would think that I had a good understanding of the Civil War, I would be missing out on a lot if we had not visited the sites. Nothing can compare to hands on learning.”* Peace Hammonds



*“This has been one of my favorite classes at this school. The experience of being at Civil War battlefields has definitely better helped me to understand the circumstances, tactics, and the scale of the battles. Your understanding of a battle is vastly different when you step out of the woods at the charge field at Gettysburg and see the long distance that 15,000 men were ordered to cross. You understand how a group of rocks come to be known as “Devil’s Den” once you see them in person. Seeing the places really added to the experience of the class.”* Jesse Sain



## North Carolina History Class

**The North Carolina History Class includes study of geographical, political, economic, and social conditions existing in North Carolina from America's discovery to the present.**

*“I developed a greater appreciation of my state and a more in depth knowledge of where I live. Now I can call myself a true North Carolinian.”* Lindsey Starnes



## American Revolution History Class

**The American Revolution course examines the social, political, economic and ideological forces that led to the American Revolution.**



## Native American History Class

**The Native American History Class, named by students as “Southwest Adventure”, surveys the history and cultures of Native Americans from pre-history to the present with topics that include Native American civilizations, relations with Europeans, and the continuing evolution of Native American cultures.**

*“My experience on the trip was a very eye opening one. It was my first time ever meeting a Native-American.”* Dale Hamilton

*“Along with confirming many things I did know, this class also enhanced things I thought I knew.”* Amanda Higgins



*“The experience is hard to describe. I feel almost as if the college gave me a big gift or something by allowing me to participate in this once in a life time trip. Studying about these tribes, their culture, and history was a great learning experience but seeing it first hand is something that cannot be learned in a classroom. The knowledge that I received is priceless, and unique. This is knowledge about myself, the others that participated, and America that I would have never gained without this trip!!”* Nicole Whitener

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