

HIS 265  
**Civil War and Reconstruction**

MW, 2:00-2:55pm  
(+ Recitation Sections)

Satisfies SBC: USA, DIV

Thematic Categories: "Empires, Violence & Global Connections,"  
"Law, Politics & Social Justice," "Race, Religion, Gender & Sexualities"

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The Civil War (1861-1865) was a “Second Revolution” that reshaped the structure of society and race relations in the United States. This course focuses on the causes, progress, and outcome of America’s Civil War. It investigates the origins of the sectional conflict; the events, meanings, participants, and consequences of the war on the battlefield and home-front; the achievements and failures of Reconstruction; and the war’s legacy. Classes consist of two lectures and one recitation per week. A ten-minute written quiz will be given at the beginning of each recitation (to encourage students to keep up with the readings) followed by a discussion or an activity based on the week’s readings. Students will also write a final exam essay on an assigned topic based on the course lectures and readings.