

OLLI at DU Central Syllabus –Fall 2024

American Nations: How Eleven Unique American Identities Impacted the Past and Molded the Future of America - Subject Area Public Affairs/Current Events

Tuesday Mornings Online; 8 weeks

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1. SUMMARIZE YOUR COURSE

Participants will learn the origins of the different areas of the country, the organizing principles, sponsoring entities, philosophical or religious orientation and influence on subsequent national expansion and development.

Classes will be primarily lectures, augmented by visual aids as deemed appropriate. Time for discussion will be provided.

2. BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE ORGANIZED BY CLASS SESSION:

Session

1. Introduction. The 11 distinct nations
2. Founding and settlement patterns
3. Political and social structures
4. Economic foundations
5. Cultural values and traditions
6. Identity and conflict
7. Demographic shifts and migration
8. Challenges and opportunities for the future