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History 1301.200

Common Course Syllabus
History 1301
Department of History

Department: Social Sciences

Discipline: History

Course Number: HISTORY 1301

Course Title: United States History I

Credit: 3 Lecture, 0 Lab

Foundational Component Area of Core Curriculum: American

Prerequisites: TSI compliance in Reading

Available Formats: Conventional, INET, ITV

Campus: Levelland, Reese, ATC, Plainview

Textbook: Varies according to instructor.

Course Specific Instructions: Each instructor will attach his/her course with specific instructions.

Course Description: A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government.

Course Objectives:

1. **critical thinking:** demonstrates creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
2. **communication:** demonstrates effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.

3. **social responsibility:** demonstrates intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
4. **personal responsibility:** demonstrates the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Course Purpose: To acquaint students with the diversity of American history and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. Fundamentally, the course promotes general understanding of a body of knowledge any student know.

Course Requirements: To maximize a student's potential to complete this course, he/she should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and complete all other projects or papers as assigned in the instructor's specific instructions.

Course Evaluation: See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

Attendance Policy: Whenever absences become excessive and in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student will be withdrawn from the course. Each instructor will have additional information about attendance on his/her course information sheet.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students should demonstrate familiarity with the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. This would include the following themes:

- American settlement and diversity
- American culture
- religion
- civil and human rights
- technological change
- economic change
- immigration and migration
- creation of the federal government

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
- Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
- Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

Course Focus

This Semester we will be studying the history of the United States from its colonial beginnings through the American Civil War and reconstruction. We will learn about important events, people, inventions, and ideas that have shaped our nation and our shared heritage as Americans. We will learn about the sources, nature, and structure of our nation's political system- its

constitutional foundations, and its institutional practices. We will learn about the geography of the United States, and how that geography has influenced the development of the nation and its people. We will study the economic, social, and cultural practices of the United States, and will learn about the origins of those practices. We will also learn to use the variety of tools and methods utilized by historians to study history.

Textbook, Materials, and Readings

The required text for this course is Globalyceum American History. Go to: <https://www.globalyceum.com/>, register, and subscribe for this course with the Unique Section Number which will be provided on the first day of class. (This number is case sensitive.) The cost of this subscription is \$39.99. You can also purchase a print copy of the essays, or text chapters, for \$15.00 on the site.

You may also download the following free text (e-book format) if you wish to have access to a more traditional text:

OpenStax College, U.S. History. OpenStax College. 23 December 2014.
<https://openstax.org/details/us-history>

Technology Requirements

Access to the internet will be required. You are expected to know how to use a computer, the internet, and online systems. I will not be teaching you how to use technology. Consult the college's technical support desk and website for advice on how to get ready to take an online class.

Lecture Topics

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The following general lecture topics will be covered in this class; Please have all text readings completed before the Friday of the week they are assigned. Note also that all Exams and assignment due dates are in bold.

Week 1- Course introduction and expectations, The First Americans- Pre-Columbian Native American Civilization. The First Global Age. Models of European Colonization. The American Colonies. The Development of the Plantation Slavery System. The Century of War. Fractures in the English Colonial System. (Read section 1 and take quiz)

Week 2-. War, Taxation, and Dissent. The American Revolution. Confederation and Constitution. (Read sections 2 and 3 and take quizzes)

Week 3- The Early Republic. Jeffersonian Republicanism- An "Empire of Liberty." Division and growth. - Industrial Revolution and the National Economy. (Read sections 4 and 5 and take quizzes)

Week 4- Jacksonian Democracy. The Antebellum South. Westward Expansion-Manifest Destiny and the conquest of the West. (Read section 6 and 7 and take quizzes)

Week 5- The Crisis of the Union-Limits of Empire/ the American Civil War. The American Civil War/Reconstruction. (Read section 8 and take quiz)

Final Exam

Student Attendance, Contributions and Behavior

Students must attend class to be successful. **The 5th unexcused absence may result in being dropped with an X.** Students who stop attending a class should go through the procedure for dropping a course; otherwise they may be administratively withdrawn for lack of attendance and their record will show an “X” or “F” instead of a “W.” It is the student’s responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

All Students are required to read their text according to the lecture schedule above. Students should be prepared to contribute to class discussion of the lecture topics. Exams will be based on both lecture and discussion of the text, and students should maintain careful notes in order to prepare for these exams. Students are responsible for all missed reading assignments, notes etc.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Disruptive behavior includes unrelated reading or doing coursework unrelated to this history course, the unauthorized use of electronic devices, sleeping, talking during lecture, etc. Appropriate remedies will apply, including expulsion from the class, if necessary.

Course Grading

Your grade for this course will be based on:

- 1) Eight equally weighted quizzes. **50%**
- 2) Critical thinking exercises. **40%**
- 3) Participation **10%**

The final grade will be determined according to the following table:

A=90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=60-69

F=59 or less

No makeup exams will be given, unless arrangements satisfactory to the instructor are made at least three days prior to the exam date. An exception can be made if a verifiable emergency prevents a student from taking the exam at the assigned time and date.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement

Levelland Campus –

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office in the Student Health & Wellness Office, 806-716-2577.

Reese Center and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center (ATC) –

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Academic Integrity Statement

Academic integrity is valued on our campus. Academic dishonesty is any act of deception, malicious or benign, in any academic exercise, and will not be tolerated. Plagiarism, cheating, impersonation, misrepresentation of idea or fact for the purpose of defrauding, use of unauthorized aids or devices, falsifying attendance records, violation of testing protocol, inappropriate course assignment collaboration, and any other acts that are prohibited by the instructor of record are examples of academic dishonesty. **Any violation of this academic integrity policy will result in a 0 (F) on the relevant assignment, exam, etc., and may result in the student being dropped with an F for the course.**

Class Schedule, Campus and Room Number

1301.200 10-11:55 AM RC319 Reese MTWR

1301.200 12-1:55 PM RC319 Reese MTWR

1301.200 2-3:55 PM RC319 Reese MTWR

Office Location and Hours

Levelland Campus, RM# AD 123

Please schedule an appointment