

Syllabus HISTORY 1301, United States History to 1877

Spring 2022: Hist1301.005: M-W 9:30 – 10:45PM, LIB 337

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Monday: 2:15 – 3:45

Tuesday: 2:15 – 3:45

Wednesday: 2:15 – 2:45

Thursday: 2:15 – 2:45

Friday, 10:30 – 12:30

If you are coming by office hours, especially on a Friday, be sure to email me in advance to make sure I do not have any meetings, etc. scheduled.

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Reading materials for this course will be provided by professor.

There are three primary objectives for the student of American history at the college level. First is the acquisition of facts about American history that will give the student a degree of cultural literacy that is required for an individual to be considered college educated. Second is to imbue and develop in the student a faculty for critical thinking when addressing political, economic, cultural or social issues and institutions. The third objective is the combination of one and two. To create opinions and discussions rooted in fact and refined by the student's own logic.

The subject matter will begin with theories of how humans first came to the western hemisphere and proceed through the ages of discovery and colonization, the formation of the United States and its history through the Civil War and Reconstruction. This instructor will focus primarily on the political, technological, military and economic facets of the period. Religious, social and cultural history will not be ignored, but will be secondary themes.

Class Format: The teaching style will consist almost universally of lecture. The board will be used to spell some terms from the lecture. Students should not hesitate to ask the instructor to define a term with which they are not familiar. Recording devices are allowed. However, any use of the lecture recording for any purpose other than classwork is a violation of this contract.

AT NO POINT IN THE SEMSTER WILL ANY INFORMATION BE POSTED TO BLACKBOARD

Class Behavior: Behavior during the class period that interferes with the learning process of other students, such as talking, excessive tardiness, and reading non-class materials or sleeping can result in a student being dropped by the instructor. Cell phones should be turned off and put away before entering the classroom. Students wearing ear pieces of any kind when the instructor begins taking role will be recorded as absent.

The cell phone policy: Cell Phone = F as the course grade.

Attendance: Attendance is expected and required. Roll will be taken at each class meeting. Eight absences can result in a student being dropped. A student who is late may request to be counted as present at the end of class, failure to make a request will result in the student being counted as absent.

Time Management: Success in a college level course requires that the student discipline themselves and spend significant time learning the course material outside of lecture. To determine the amount typically needed the student should take the number of credit hours of a given class and multiply by three. Thus for History 1302, a three credit hour class, the student should expect to spend nine hours a week outside of class working with the material.

Students with Disabilities: 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 to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

Student Absence for Observation of Religious Holy Days: A student who is absent from classes for the observation of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence if, not later than the fifteenth day after the first day of the semester, the student had notified the instructor of each scheduled class that the student would be absent for a religious holy day.

Coursework:

Exams and Quizzes

Re-takes are not permitted

Make-ups: In the course of the semester a student make makeup ONE exam that was missed and ONE reading quiz. Grades on assignments that are made up cannot be dropped. If a student schedules a make up and does not keep the appointment, the grade will be a zero for the assignment and cannot be dropped.

There will be four exams over the course of the semester. Exams one and three will each account for twenty points towards the final grade. Exams two and four will account for thirty points. The final grade tally MUST include exam two (Midterm). Quizzes will account for ten points each.

Ten percent of the grade may be assigned for participation and attendance.

The sequence should be as follows:

Witch Craze quiz (10 Points)

Exam 1 (20 Points)

Why the British Lost quiz (10 Points)

Exam 2 aka midterm (30 Points)

Artisans to Factory Hands quiz (10 Points)

Mexican American War quiz (10 Points)

Exam 3 (20 Points)

Why Soldiers Fought quiz (10 Points)

Exam 4 (20 Points)

Due dates will be assigned during class and in the emails containing the readings, so please pay attention. Our situation requires flexibility, but the expectation is that an assignment will come due every two weeks on average.

Students are required to keep a folder with all returned materials through the course of the semester, these items are evidence of your progress in the class and indispensable in the event of a grade challenge.

At the end of the semester, the point total from the top 100 possible points will be calculated, the remaining 50 points will be discarded.

GRADE INFORMATION CAN NOT BE SENT VIA EMAIL

Blackboard: This class does NOT utilize Blackboard. Final grades are posted on CampusConnect.

“STUDYING HISTORY, MY FRIEND, IS NO JOKE AND IRRESPONSIBLE GAME. TO STUDY HISTORY ONE MUST KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT ONE IS ATTEMPTING SOMETHING FUNDAMENTALLY IMPOSSIBLE, YET NECESSARY AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT. TO STUDY HISTORY MEANS SUBMITTING TO CHAOS AND NEVERTHELESS RETAINING FAITH IN ORDER AND MEANING. IT IS A VERY SERIOUS TASK, YOUNG MAN, AND POSSIBLY A TRAGIC ONE.”

---HERMAN HESSE, *MAGISTER LUDI* 1943

The Salem Witchcraft Scare quiz: Thursday, Jan 27th

Exam #1

“Why the British Lost” quiz

Exam #2

Artisans to Factory Hands

The Mexican-American War quiz.

EXAM #3

Why Soldiers Fought quiz

FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 2019, 10:15AM – 12:15PM, LIB 337

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/academiccalendar/finalexamschedule.php>