

History 1301.23
Survey of United States History to 1865
Fall 2017
Tuesday/Thursdays: 2:00 – 3:20 p.m.

Instructor Information

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Course Description

This course is a survey of U.S. History from Pre-Contact Societies through Reconstruction. Themes to be developed include westward expansion and globalization, slavery, Native Americans, and religious and social changes. An additional purpose of this course is to introduce students to the skills and practices of history.

Required Texts (In Order of Assignment)

Richard Godbeer, *Escaping Salem: The Other Witch Hunt of 1692* (New York: Oxford University Press).

Alfred F. Young, *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party: Memory and the American Revolution* (Boston: Beacon Press).

Steve Inskeep: *Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and a Great American Land Grab* (New York: Penguin Books)

Eric Foner, *Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company).

Suggested Texts

Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History, Fifth Edition, Vol. 1.* (New York and London: W. W. Norton & Company).

Grade Breakdown

Midterm Exam	200 points (20%)
Book Analyses (4)	400 points (40%)
Final Exam	300 points (30%)
Attendance/Participation	100 points (10%)
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Total	1000 points (100%)

Course Requirements

Exams: Two exams, a midterm and a final will be given in this course and make up 50% of the total course grade. The exams will cover the lectures and class discussions and will consist of short answer and essay questions.

Book Analysis: This is a writing intensive course. It is intended to improve student reading, writing, and critical thinking skills to aid them in mastering historical knowledge about people, events, nations, ideas, and circumstances over time, as well as develop an appreciation for the exercise of intellectual inquiry and analysis. Over the course of the semester, you will be expected to hand in four book analyses over the required readings. Prompts and additional instructions will be handed out to students during the second week of class. These book analyses will comprise 40% of your total course grade. Papers that are handed in late will be reduced one letter grade for each day they are turned in after the due date.

Attendance/Participation: Attendance and participation in class discussions is required and will make up 10% of your total course grade. Students who do not attend class will lose five points of their attendance/participation grade for each unexcused absence. Students who provide official university documentation for their absences will be given an excused absence, which will not result in a loss of attendance/participation points. The instructor will also not provide notes or Powerpoint slides to students. Those who are absent will need to obtain notes from other students in the course.

Instructor guidelines and policies

Academic Dishonesty Policy: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/dean-of-students/index.html>

Make-up Exams: Students will be allowed to make up missed exams if they provide appropriate documentation for their absence. To discuss or schedule a make-up exam, please contact me within 48 hours of the missed exam

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days Policy: Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: “a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20...” A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: </dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/861001.pdf>

Students With Disabilities Policy: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/7ff819c3-39f3-491d-b688-db5a330ced92.pdf>

Visitors in the Classroom: Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office.

Tentative Instructional Outline (Subject to Change at Instructor's Discretion):

Week 1:

8/24 Course Introduction

Week 2:

8/29 *Lecture:* The Myth of the Virgin Land: The Americas on the Eve of Exploration

9/1 *Lecture:* For God, Glory & Gold: European Expansion into the "New World"

Week 3:

9/5 *Lecture:* Establishing New France & New England: The Process of Colonization

9/7 *Lecture:* Unsettled Times: Clashes, Rebellions, and War in Early Colonial America

Week 4:

9/12 *Lecture:* A Peculiar Institution: The Beginnings of American Slavery

9/14 *Lecture:* Awakenings: Culture, Religion, & the Age of Enlightenment, **Escaping Salem Book Analysis Due**

Week 5:

9/19 *Lecture:* Expanding Empires, Expanding Conflict

9/21 *Lecture:* The Evolution of Republicanism in the Colonies

Week 6:

9/26 *Lecture:* An Imperial Crisis: The Rise of American Resistance

9/28 *Lecture:* Reconciliation or Independence? The Revolution Begins

Week 7:

10/3 *Lecture:* The Revolution and its Consequences

10/5 *Lecture:* Toward a New Union: Creating A Constitution of Compromise **The Shoemaker and the Tea Party Book Analysis Due**

Week 8:

10/10 Midterm Exam Review

10/12 **Midterm Exam**

Week 9:

10/17 *Lecture:* Making the Republic Work I

10/19 *Lecture:* Making the Republic Work II

Week 10:

10/24 *Lecture:* The Rise of Jeffersonian Democracy

10/26 *Lecture:* The War of 1812 & its Significance

Week 11:

10/31 *Lecture:* The Era of Good Feelings and the Breakdown of Unity

11/2 *Lecture:* Transformation and Growth: The Jacksonian Era, **Jacksonland Book Analysis Due**

Week 12:

11/7 *Lecture:* Slavery & the Old South

11/9 *Lecture:* The Enlightenment Impulse: Reform in the North

Week 13:

11/14 *Lecture:* Manifest Destiny: The Opening of the West & Slavery in the Territories

11/16 *Lecture:* The Nation Divided: The Politics of Sectionalism

Week 14:

11/21 *Lecture:* The Nation Shattered: The Civil War

11/23 No Class (Thanksgiving Holidays)

Week 15:

11/28 *Lecture:* The Nation Shattered: The Reconstruction Era

11/30 Conclusions, Final Exam Review, **Gateway to Freedom Book Analysis Due**

Week 16:

12/5 Final Exam (3:30 -5:30 p.m.)