



**HISTORY 1301: UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1876
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Section 06--CID 21089 --TTh 12:30 pm - 1:50 pm—CSIS, Room 120

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- This course will study the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the United States from the discovery of the New World to the end of Reconstruction. We will investigate such topics as: the European exploration and colonization of the Americas, the English North American Colonies, the American Revolution, the organization of the new republic, the Industrial Revolution in America, Westward Expansion, the sectional crises, the question of slavery, the Civil War, and the era of Reconstruction.
- Course work will consist of attending lectures and the taking of objective examinations.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will acquaint themselves with the political, social, economic and cultural history of the United States to 1877
- Students will sharpen their skills in historical interpretation.
- Students will gain a factual knowledge of the United States to 1877.
- Students will learn how to find and use available resources for learning material not covered in lectures or text.
- There is no prerequisite for this course beyond the approval of the university.

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Outline of U.S. History, Washington, D.C.: United States Information Agency, 2005.(in PDF form on Blackboard).

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Because large amounts of lecture material will appear on all of the examinations--

- Students are expected to regularly attend lectures.
- The SHSU Undergraduate Catalog grants each student a maximum of 3 (for MWF class) unexcused absences per semester. I hold to this policy.
- I reserve the right to penalize a student for excessive absences. Three absences can result in withdrawal from the class.

EXAMINATIONS:

There will be four objective examinations during the semester. The final examination will not be comprehensive. Each of the four exams will be worth 100 points and will consist of between 50 and 100 questions divided into M/C sections, T/F sections, matching sections, and geography sections. Your lowest score on any one of the first three exams will be dropped; however, this does not include the final examination. Attendance at the final exam is mandatory. If you miss an examination for any reason, that will be your low score and it will be the one dropped. **NO MAKEUPS WILL BE GIVEN ON THE EXAMS.** The three (out of four) examinations will count for a total of 300 points.

GRADING PLAN:

Examinations will count 300 points or 100% of the Course grade. The student who cannot finish is failing has the right to drop this course on or before the last day of instruction by university policy.

The grade scale will be: 270-300=A; 240-269=B; 210-239=C; 180-209=D; 0-179=F. There will be no extra credit in this class.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Lectures both supplement and complement reading assignments, as well as introduce problems to be brought up in assignments.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES:

Notebook and writing instruments to take notes in class, as well as four scantrons for the four examinations.

Use of a computer with a broadband internet connection for viewing web sources and films.

If you do not have a computer at home, please make use of computer labs on campus.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIVERSITY.

- Students are required to comply with these policies and procedures in attending this class. A detailed list of these can be found at the following link:

<http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1: COLONIAL ORIGINS.

- LECTURE 1--PRECOLOMBIAN AMERICA
- LECTURE 2--THE EUROPEAN POWERS IN AMERICA

- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 1.

Week 2: THE FIRST NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES.

- LECTURE 3--VIRGINIA AND MASSACHUSETTS)
- LECTURE 4--THE PROLIFERATION OF COLONIES
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 1.

Week 3: COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT, 1.

- LECTURE 5--SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COLONIES
- LECTURE 6--POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COLONIES READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 2.

Week 4: COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT, 2.

- LECTURE 7--CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES LECTURE 8--THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONFLICT AND THE COLONIES
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 2.
- **First Examination**

Week 5: REVOLUTION AND REPUBLIC, 1

- LECTURE 9--THE ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- LECTURE 10--THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History,, ch. 3.

Week 6: THE DIFFICULT BIRTH OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC.

- LECTURE 11--OUTCOME AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION LECTURE 12--THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 3-4.

Week 7: THE POLITICAL FOUNDATION OF THE REPUBLIC.

- LECTURE 13--THE FEDERALISTS AND JEFFERSONIANS
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 4.

Week 8: THE YOUNG REPUBLIC AND THE WORLD IN TURMOIL.

- LECTURE 14--THE U.S. IN THE ERA OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON LECTURE 15--THE WAR OF 1812
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 4.
- **Second Examination**

SPRING BREAK

Week 9: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC.

- LECTURE 16--AGRICULTURE AND THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN AMERICA READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 4.

Week 10: THE EXPANSION OF THE FRONTIER AND SECTIONALISM.

- LECTURE 18--SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERGENCE AND THE RISE OF SECTIONALISM
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 5.

Week 11: THE AGE OF JACKSON AND REFORMISM.

- LECTURE 17--RESPONSES TO AMERICAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 5.
- **Third Examination**

Week 12: SECTIONAL DIVISIONS AND THE ORIGINS OF CIVIL WAR, 1.

- LECTURE 19---THE ISSUE OF SLAVERY.
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 6.

Week 13: SECTIONAL DIVISIONS AND THE ORIGINS OF CIVIL WAR, 2.

- LECTURE 20---THE IMPETAE OF WESTWARD EXPANSION.
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 6.

Week 14 THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, 1.

- LECTURE 21--THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: MILITARY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 7.

Week 15: THE IMPACT OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, 2.

- LECTURE 22--THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES
- LECTURE 23--RECONSTRUCTION: HEALING OR FESTERING WOUNDS?
- READINGS: Outline of U.S. History, ch. 7.

The FOURTH EXAMINATION will be held during Finals Week and will be announced later in the semester.