



# History 1301: United States History I

## Course Syllabus: Fall 2017

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*The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change without notice. Students are expected to be aware of any additional course policies presented by the instructor during the course.*

### **Catalog Course Description (include prerequisites):**

3 credit hours.

Lecture/Lab/Clinical: Three hours of class each week.

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 the 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.

**Required Textbook(s):** Experience History: Interpreting America's Past

Author: James West Davidson, Brian DeLay, Christine Leigh Heyrman, Mark Lytle, Michael Stoff

**Publisher:** McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

**ISBN Number:** ISBN 0073385670

### **Recommended Reading(s):**

Eyewitness to America edited by David Colbert (ISBN: 978-0-679-76724-4)

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students should be able to employ appropriate methods and technologies to conduct basic research on historical concepts, figures, events, and topics related to U.S. history prior to 1877
2. Students should be able to recognize and understand the significance of key historical figures, events and concepts related to U.S. history prior to 1877
3. Students should be able to recognize and assume responsibility as a citizen by learning to think independently, by engaging in public discourse and debate, and obtaining

information about and maintaining an understanding of current events and their relationship to the past

**Lectures & Discussions:**

See Course Description or Blackboard for assignments, course handouts and additional information

**Evaluation/Grading Policy:**

90-100%-A    80-89%-B                      70-79%-C                      60-69%-D                      Below 60%-F

2 Exams @ 50%

There will be two exams, a mid-term and a final exam. Exams will mainly be multiple choice, but I reserve the right to ask any type of question on any test. Students will need #2 pencils and Scranton answer sheets, which are available in the NTCC Bookstore. If an exam is missed, it is the student's responsibility to contact me within one class day to set-up a make-up test. Make-up exams are always essay tests.

Discussion & Participation @ 10%

Students will be given Discussion Questions prior to assigned readings. Students are expected to answer and discuss these questions in depth during class. Written answers for these discussion questions may be required for a grade or chapter quizzes based on these questions may be given. Various other activities may count as part of your participation grade as well.

Attendance @ 15%

Each student is allowed two (2) unexcused absences. Each additional absence will result in a loss of 5 points from their final attendance grade. One class day will be set aside for attendance make-up. Students with more than two absences can receive a 5 point bonus on their attendance grade for attending the make-up session. Students without an absence may receive the bonus as well. Unexcused absences are limited to one (1) in night and summer classes. Attendance make-up classes are not available in night or summer classes. Two (2) tardies will count as one (1) absence. It is the responsibility of students who enter class after roll has been taken to inform the instructor that they were present after class.

1 Research Essay @ 25%

Reading and writing are imperative to the study of history. Students are required to write one persuasive research essay based on readings from Eyewitness to America and or additional research. **A paper copy of the essay must be turned in on the proper due date and the essay must be submitted to Turnitin.com in order to receive a grade.**

**Tests/Exams:**

See Evaluation/Grading Policy

**Assignments:**

See Evaluation/Grading Policy

**Other Course Requirements:**

See Blackboard for any assignments, course handouts or additional information

## **Student Responsibilities/Expectations:**

### **COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

1. Don't just stop coming to class. Not coming to class without officially withdrawing will result in a failing grade.
2. Regular attendance is vital. If you miss a class, contact one of your classmates for notes, schedule or assignment changes, exam information, etc.
3. This is a college classroom. Proper behavior is expected and required. This includes having respect for others, being on time for class, and maintaining an atmosphere in which all students may learn without interference from others. Standards of behaviors are detailed in the NTCC Student Handbook.
4. Turn off cell phones, alarms, and other devices that unnecessarily cause distractions. Texting in class is not acceptable. If you have an emergency call, then step outside the classroom to answer it so as not to be a distraction. If texting becomes a problem, then offending students will be asked to leave. If the problem continues, offending students will be withdrawn.
5. Cheating and plagiarizing will not be tolerated in any form (For example, cutting and pasting large sections of Internet articles into your essay is plagiarism). Essays must be submitted to SafeAssign to be considered—Essays that are not submitted will receive a zero.
6. Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook.
7. Follow assignment requirements as outlined in this syllabus. Students are responsible for all topics and chapters covered and outlined in the Course Schedule found in this syllabus.
8. Assignment Grades and course information are posted on Blackboard. Students need to check regularly to make sure all their assignments have been submitted and graded.

### **NTCC Academic Honesty Statement:**

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### **Academic Ethics**

The college expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject.

**ADA Statement:**

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with Shannin Garrett, Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in the College Connection. She can be reached at 903-434-8218. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the [NTCC website - Special Populations](#).

**Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act (Ferpa):**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.