



History 1301: History of the United States to 1877

Course Syllabus: Spring 2020

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| | 12:30-2:00 | 12:30-2:00 | 12:30-2:00 (5:00-6:00 at HSHS) | 12:30-2:00 | | |

This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description:

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.

Prerequisite(s): N/A

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 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 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

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 @ 15%

Students will be given Discussion Questions (on Blackboard) 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. Chapter Quizzes will be posted on Blackboard. Discussion, Participation and Quiz grades will all be averaged in one category which counts as 15% of the total course grade.

Attendance @ 10%

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 biographical essay based on readings from Eyewitness to America and 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 via Blackboard.

Required Instructional Materials: Experience History: Interpreting America's Past

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

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

ISBN Number: ISBN 0073385670

Optional Instructional Materials:

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

Minimum Technology Requirements: Internet Access

Required Computer Literacy Skills: Microsoft Word and Blackboard Proficiency

Course Structure and Overview: See Evaluation/Grade policy above for more details.

Communications: Email is the preferred form of communication for this class. Generally, email replies will come by the next class day. Students should check Blackboard regularly as grades are usually posted by the next class day as well.

Institutional/Course Policy:

Student attendance is taken daily and is averaged into final grade (See grade policy above).

Students are responsible for any missed assignments due to absence.

Late assignments are accepted on a case by case basis only.

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

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 the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

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.

Tentative Course Timeline (*note* instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to this timeline at any point in the term):

See Assignments Handout issued in class and on Blackboard for more detailed schedule.

| Class Meetings | Topics of Discussion |
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| Week 1 | Course Introduction |
| Week 2 | Chapter 1: <i>The First Civilizations of North America</i> Chapter 2: <i>Old Worlds, New Worlds 1400-1600</i> |
| Week 3 | Chapter 3: <i>Colonization & Conflict in the South 1600-1750</i> Chapter 4: <i>Colonization & Conflict in the North 1600-1700</i> |
| Week 4 | Chapter 5: <i>The Mosaic of 18th Century America 1689-1771</i> Chapter 6: <i>Toward the War for American Independence 1754-1776</i> |
| Week 5 | Chapter 7: <i>The American People: The American Revolution 1775-1783</i> |
| Week 6 | Chapter 8: <i>Crisis & Constitution 1776-1789</i> |
| Week 7 | Chapter 9: <i>The Early Republic 1789-1824</i> Mid-Term Exam Review |
| Week 8 | Midterm Exam |
| Week 9 | Chapter 10: <i>The Opening of America 1815-1850</i> |

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| | Chapter 11: <i>The Rise of Democracy 1824-1840</i> |
| Week 10 | Chapter 12: <i>The Fires of Perfection 1820-1850</i> Chapter 13: <i>The Old South 1820-1860</i> |
| Week 11 | Chapter 14: <i>Western Expansion & the Rise of Slavery</i> |
| Week 12 | Chapter 15: <i>The Union Broken 1850-1861</i> |
| Week 13 | Chapter 16: <i>Total War & the Republic 1861-1865</i> |
| Week 14 | Chapter 16: <i>Total War & the Republic 1861-1865</i> Chapter 17: <i>Reconstructing the Union 1865-1877</i> |
| Week 15 | Final Exam Review |
| Week 16 | Finals Exams |