

**South Plains College**

**Common Course Syllabus: HISTORY 2301**

**Revised 8/21**

**Department:** Social Sciences

**Discipline:** History

**Course Number:** HIST 2301

**Course Title:** Texas History

**Available Formats:** conventional, internet, hybrid

**Campuses:** Levelland, Reese, Plainview, Lubbock Center, Dual-Credit

**Course Description:** A survey of the political, social, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of Texas from the pre-Columbian era to the present. Themes that may be addressed in Texas History include: Spanish colonization and Spanish Texas, Mexican Texas, the Republic of Texas, statehood and secession, oil, industrialization, and urbanization, civil rights, and modern Texas.

**Prerequisite:** TSI compliance in Reading

**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

**Textbook:** Varies according to instructor.

**This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** American History Foundational Component Area (060)

**Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:**

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Personal Responsibility**—to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.
- **Social Responsibility**—to include the demonstrated knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should be familiar with the evolution of Texan political, social, and economic institutions and traditions from the pre-Columbian era to the present. This would include the ability to:

- Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
- Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
- Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of Texas history.

**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** A pre- and post-test and/or a writing assignment rubric will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester.

**Course Evaluation:** See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disability Statement:** 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 Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**COVID-19 Statement:** If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376.

**Syllabus: HISTORY 2301**  
**Texas History**  
**South Plains College**  
**Fall 2021**

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(Levelland).

E-mail: [arios@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:arios@southplainscollege.edu). Do not send me a message through "Course Messages" in *Blackboard*.

**This is an online class (HIST 2301.151).**

**Required Texts:**

Campbell, Randolph. *Gone to Texas: A History of the Lone Star State*. Second edition.  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. ISBN#: 978-0199779406

**Access to Blackboard:**

You will need a reliable internet service. Please use a recommended browser, like Google Chrome, and sign in with your SPC login information to

<http://southplainscollege.blackboard.edu>.

**Grades:**

Assignments/Quizzes (4 X 20 points each) – 80 points

Exam 1 – 110 points

Exam 2 – 110 points

Final Exam – 100 points

Total – 400 points

**Final Grade:**

**A** (100-90) = 400-360 points

**B** (89-80) = 359-320 points

**C** (79-70) = 319-280 points

**D** (69-60) = 279-240 points

**F** (59-0) = 239-0 points

**Course Work Descriptions:**

**Quizzes**

There will be four (4) assignments/quizzes, except the weeks when an exam will be given. Each assignment/quiz will cover lecture material and assigned readings.

## Exams

There will be three (3) exams. Each exam will cover material from the weeks prior to the exam and will be the week after the quiz. For example, the first exam will cover weeks 1-4, the second exam will cover weeks 5-9, and the final exam will cover weeks 10-15. Exams will include lecture material and assigned readings. Video and written instructions will be given so students know when to complete the exams.

## South Plains College and Class Policies:

**Attendance:** Since this is an online class, attendance revolves around you completing your assignments and exams. **If you fail to complete FIVE of any of these, you will be dropped from class for non-attendance.** Material relevant to an understanding of history will be presented in class, and/or supplemental readings. Material presented in class will NOT be repeated during office hours or any other communication forum such as e-mail.

## Dropping the course:

- If you are considering dropping the class you should speak with me first. If you decide to drop the class, then you should submit a [Student Initiated Drop Form](#) online from the SPC website. Failure to complete the drop procedure will result in an “F” grade on your transcript. The drop date can be found on the SPC calendar.

## Late or make-up work:

- Your work must be turned in on schedule to receive credit.
- If a student is absent for a quiz or exam it is your responsibility to contact the Instructor.
- All work must be turned in BEFORE the Final Exam week. There are no exceptions.

## Academic integrity:

- Anything that borders on cheating, plagiarism, or affects the academic integrity of the assignment or of the course will be dealt with -- the least thing that could happen to the student is dismissal from the class roster with a failing grade.
- Your work must be *in your own words* and it must be original (cheating and plagiarism -- that is copying someone else’s work or copying from another source). Students who cheat or plagiarize will be dropped from the class with an “F”.

**Plagiarism and Cheating:** Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill.
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation.
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion.
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given.
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment.
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage.
5. Taking an examination for another.
6. Altering grade records.
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment.
8. Rewriting another student's work to the point that the original student's writing is absent.
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

**Remember this: to check for plagiarism the professor can take a random phrase from an essay, copy it, and paste it into a Google search and the source will appear.** The internet has made plagiarism much easier but it has also made catching it much easier, too!

**The consequence of plagiarism in my classes is this: the offender(s) will receive zero credit for the entire assignment or exam or will be dropped from the class with an F.**

**SPC Policy regarding "standard English":** All written assignments should be presented using the conventions of Standard Written English. South Plains College requires all students to become proficient in "academic English," a form of English that is typically used in academic, professional, and business contexts. While slang, regional idioms, and informal kinds of self-expression are appropriate in some contexts, they are out of place in academic writing. Writing instructors and professors in courses across the campus expect all students to demonstrate proficiency in using the conventions of academic English in their written work, whether it is in-class exams or take-home essays.

**Student Privacy:** South Plains College is bound by the Texas Open Records Law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Information regarding these topics can be found in the South Plains College Catalog. As far as this class is concerned, I will NOT release or discuss your class performance, grades, averages, or attendance with anyone but you. This means that your parents, class counselors, principals, or any other interested party will not gain this information from me – if they need this sort of information they must ask you for it. This provision does not apply to student athletes or those for whom a grade check is part of their scholarship support.

**Tobacco Policy:** South Plains College prohibits the use of any tobacco product, electronic cigarette, or vapor device throughout all indoor areas and within a 25 foot perimeter around all facility entrances, exits and HVAC air intake vents under the control of SPC, including sporting facilities and SPC vehicles. Included in this ban are tobacco products of all types (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner to be suitable for spit tobacco use, smoking, or both). This ban also includes herbal tobacco products and simulated tobacco products that imitate or mimic tobacco products such as e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, pipes or other types of inhalation devices.

**E-mail Etiquette:** I will respond to your e-mail within two business days. I will selectively respond to e-mails after 5:00 pm and on the weekends. In addition, I am your professor and expect a certain level of respect when addressed via electronic or face-to-face communiqué. Your e-mails should begin with a proper salutation (i.e. Dear/Hello Professor Rios). Informal or familiar language (i.e. “Hey,” “What’s up,” or writing text with no salutation or context) should be avoided when addressing your professor. You should identify yourself and your class. Professors teach several sections and are not always familiar with each student, especially in large sections. Please include what course you are enrolled in (Example: HIST 1301.156).

**Note:** The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester.

### **Distance/Online Course Conduct**

1. Remember that you are addressing a group. This means several things:
  - a. Don't say things that you wouldn't say publicly or face-to-face.
  - b. Don't address comments to individuals unless you want everyone to know what you are telling that person.
  - c. Don't share confidential information.
  - d. Read your message before you send it, since once it is out you can't change it.
2. Access your electronic mail regularly and read through all the messages that have been sent before you reply.
3. Remember humor and sarcasm might be misunderstood in electronic or distance communication. Carefully employ good word choice so that your meaning comes through clearly.
4. Aim for clarity and readability in your communication.
5. If you are in a class with microphones (ITV) make sure that the device close to you is on silent. Unless the instructor asks you a question.

### **Technology Problems/ Late Work**

1. Start early and finish early.
2. If there is a problem with Blackboard and it is the fault of the professor or Blackboard, you will not be penalized. If you are unable to complete any assignment because of problems with your computer or server your work will NOT be accepted late. Please make sure you are using a reliable server and computer.
3. **There is no make-up and late assignments will not be accepted.** If you miss an assignment you should evaluate your progress to determine if you need to drop. If you fail to turn in 3 assignments or parts of assignments by the posted day/time you will receive a grade of "F" in the class.

### **Blackboard Problems and Tech Support**

1. If you have any questions concerning the operation of the Blackboard system you should contact Student Support at 894-9611, ext. 2180.
2. Drop Policy: The student that ceases to submit assignments, as indicated above, can be dropped from the course.
3. Saving Your Exams/Assignments: When you take an exam/assignment, make sure that you SAVE your answer(s), wait a minute or two, then submit your exam/assignment. If you do not follow this procedure then your exam may not be submitted correctly, which could result in a zero (0) for the exam/assignment. Your grades will be released after the period to take the exam/assignment has ended. Remember: It is the student's responsibility to submit the exam/assignment correctly. If you do not save your exam/assignment or if you exceed the time limit, then I will not receive an answer(s) and you will receive a zero (0) for the exam/assignment.

## Course Schedule

### **Week 1, August 30-September 2, Introduction. The First Texans, prehistory**

Read Chapter 1, *Gone to Texas*

**Assignment/quiz**, complete by Thursday at 10:00 pm

### **Week 2, September 6-9, The First Texans and European Explorers, 1519-1689. Spanish Texas, 1690-1779**

Read Chapters 2, 3, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

### **Week 3, September 13-16, The End of Spanish Texas, 1779-1821. Mexican Texas, 1821-1835**

Read Chapters 4, 5, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

### **Week 4, September 20-23, The Texas Revolution/Rebellion, 1835-1836**

Read Chapter 6, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

**Quiz 1**, complete by Thursday at 10:00 pm

### **Week 5, September 27-30, The Republic of Texas, 1836-1846**

Read Chapter 7, *Gone to Texas*

**Exam 1 (The exam covers weeks 1-4)**, complete by Thursday at 10:00 pm

### **Week 6, October 4-7, Frontier Texas, 1846-1861. Texas and the South, 1846-1861**

Read Chapters 8, 9, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

### **Week 7, October 11-14, Texas and the Civil War, 1861-1865. Reconstruction Texas, 1865-1876.**

Read Chapters 10, 11, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

### **Week 8, October 18-21, Westward Expansion and Texas, 1877-1900. Texas in the “New South,” 1877-1900**

Read Chapters 12, 13, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

**Week 9, October 25-28, Progressive Texas, 1901-1920**

Read Chapter 14, *Gone to Texas*

**Quiz 2**, complete by Thursday at 10:00 pm

**Week 10, November 1-4, The Roaring 20s, 1921-1929**

Read Chapter 15, *Gone to Texas*

**Exam 2 (The exam covers weeks 5-9)**, complete by Thursday at 10:00 pm

**Week 11, November 8-11, The Great Depression and World War II, 1929-1945**

Read Chapter 16, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

**Week 12, November 15-18, Civil Rights and Texas, 1945-1971**

Read Chapter 17, *Gone to Texas*

No assignment/quiz due

**Week 13, November 22-25**

**Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 25-27)** – No assignment/quiz due

**Week 14, November 29-December 2, Modern Texas, 1971-2000**

Read Chapter 18, *Gone to Texas*

Dec. 2 - Last day to drop the course

**Quiz 3**, complete by Thursday at 10:00 pm

**Week 15, Final Exam Schedule:**

HIST 2301.151 – The exam is due by **Thursday, December 9 at 10:00 pm**

**Final Exam (The exam covers weeks 10-15)**