

Common Course Syllabus
History 1301
Department of History

Department: Social Sciences

Discipline: History

Course Number: HISTORY 1301

Course Title: American History To 1877

Credit: 3 Lecture, 0 Lab

Satisfies a core curriculum requirement? Yes, Social Science and ALL Undergraduate Degrees

Prerequisites: TSI compliance in Reading

Available Formats: Conventional, INET, ITV

Campus: Levelland, Reese, ATC, Plainview

Textbook: Varies according to instructor.

Course Specific Instructions: Each instructor will attach his/her course with specific instructions.

Course Description: This course is a survey of United States history from colonial foundations to 1877. Primary emphasis is placed on ideas and social concepts that constitute the American heritage.

Course Purpose: To acquaint students with the diversity of American history and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. Fundamentally, the course promotes general understanding of a body of knowledge any literate person should possess about the history of his own country.

Course Requirements: To maximize a student's potential to complete this course, he/she should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and complete all other projects or papers as assigned in the instructor's specific instructions.

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

Attendance Policy: Whenever absences become excessive and in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student will be withdrawn from

the course. Each instructor will have additional information about attendance on his/her course information sheet.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be familiar with the evolution of the nation and its role in the world from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century.

This would include the following:

- Discovery of the western hemisphere
- Colonization of North America
- industrial globalization
- short term and long- term causes of the American Revolution
- development of the US constitution
- national territorial expansion
- American political and social development
- Creation of the national government between 1787 and 1861
- Social, economic, and political issues that led to the Civil War
- Social, economic, and political consequences of the Civil War
- reconstruction

HISTORY 1301 Mr. WEST COURSE SYLLABUS

HISTORY OF THE U.S. FROM PRE-COLONIAL TIMES TO 1877

Required Text: America: A Narrative History 11th Brief ed. Vol. I. by David Shi

Course Requirements:

1. There will be ten to twelve grades given each of the four parts of the course.
2. We will have short writing assignments analyzing primary source documents.
3. You will have outside readings covering the various topics in U.S. history.
4. You will read the textbook.
5. We will have quizzes over the readings, lectures, presentations and the textbook.
6. WE will have discussions over the reading materials and the assigned textbook.
7. We will have exams covering the four segments of the course.
8. Homework: Homework will consist of short reading and writing assignments
9. Grading: We will have exams over the four segments of the course at a rate of one or two exams per segment. Exams will consist of 20-30 questions: Multiple choices, True-False, and Matching. There will be six short answer questions, answer three. There will be two essay questions, answer only one. Exams will count 45% of the class grade. Quizzes will count 35% of the class grade. Homework/Discussion/Daily Work will count 20% of the class grade. Homework is due on the date assigned. Points will be deducted for each day late. Short writing assignments are completed in class and counted as a daily grade.
10. Course Outline:
 - Part One. August- October: A Not So New World: 1. Collision of Cultures. 2. England's Colonies. 3. Colonial Ways of Life. 4. From Colonies to States.
 - Part Two. October – December: Building A Nation: 5. The American Revolution. 6. Strengthening the New Nation. 7. The Early Republic.
 - Part Three. January – March. An Expanding Nation: 8. The Emergence of a Market Economy. 9. Nationalism and Sectionalism. 10. The Jacksonian Era. 11. The South, Slavery, and King Cotton. 12. Religion, Romanticism, and Reform.
 - Part Four. March – May. A House Divided and Rebuilt. 13. Westward Expansion. 14. The Gathering Storm. 15.The War of the Union. 16. The Era of Reconstruction.
11. Final Exams. The final is comprehensive.
12. You are expected to follow the rules and guidelines as set forth by South Plains College and the KPA Student Code of Conduct.