

HISTORY 1301
United States History to 1877

Western Texas College
Department of Social Sciences

- I. Basic Course Information
 - A. Course Description: 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 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.
 - B. Prerequisites - Student should have a proficiency in reading and writing.
- II. Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
 - A. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
 - B. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
 - C. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.
- III. Major Course Requirements
 - A. Exams: There will be three to five major exams spaced throughout the semester. Exam questions may include any combination of the following: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, short answer, and essay.
 - B. Departmental Map Test: There will be one departmental map test this semester. It will cover significant places associated with American History.
 - C. Writing Assignments: There will be multiple writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
 - D. Collaborative Exercises: There will be multiple collaborative exercises spaced throughout the semester. Each of these assignments will require you to work with your peers analyzing/discussing documents, articles, and other information relating to the study of history.
- IV. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
 - A. *America, A Narrative History*, by George B. Tindall and others. 9th edition ISBN # 978-0-393-91262-3
- V. Other Policies: Please refer to the WTC Course [Catalog](#) for the following:
 - A. Campus Calendar
 - B. Final Exam schedule
 - C. How to drop a class
 - D. Withdrawal information
 - E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
 - F. Students with disabilities.

VI. Course Organization & Tentative Schedule*

Week	Topic	Reading Assignments
Week 1	Discovery and Settlement	<i>America</i> , Chapter 1
Week 2	The Colonies and Imperialism	<i>America</i> , Chapter 2
Week 3	From Empire to Independence	<i>America</i> , Chapter 5
Week 4	The American Revolution	<i>America</i> , Chapter 6
Week 5	Shaping a Federal Union	<i>America</i> , Chapter 7
Week 6	The Federalists and the Republicans	<i>America</i> , Chapter 8 & 9
Week 7	Nationalism and Sectionalism	<i>America</i> , Chapter 10
Week 8	The Age of Jackson	<i>America</i> , Chapter 11
Week 9	Economic Growth	<i>America</i> , Chapter 12
Week 10	Religion, Romanticism, and Reform	<i>America</i> , Chapter 13
Week 11	Manifest Destiny	<i>America</i> , Chapter 14
Week 12	The Old South	<i>America</i> , Chapter 15
Week 13	The Crisis of the Union	<i>America</i> , Chapter 16
Week 14	The War of the Union	<i>America</i> , Chapter 17
Week 15	Reconstruction	<i>America</i> , Chapter 18
Week 16	Final Exam	

*The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change.

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