

Spring 2024

HIST. 1301.001

American History to 1877



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Office Hours:

Tues./Thurs. 7:45 - 9:15

Note on office hours: If you need me outside of these hours, we can make accommodations to meet those needs. The best way to reach me is by email. During the week I will return emails within 24 hours and on the weekend within 48 hours. Weekends begin at 5:00 pm on Fridays and conclude at 8:00 am on Mondays.

Course Introduction:

In this course, we will discuss the social and political changes in North America (and later the United States) from pre-colonization to the end of Reconstruction (1877).

At times throughout the semester you may have some questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email or Canvas messenger.

GRADE SCALE:

- A: ≥ 89.5
- B: 79.5 - 89.4
- C: 69.5 - 79.4
- D: 59.5 - 69.4
- F: 59.4 or below

FINAL GRADES:

At the end of the semester, final grades will **not** be rounded up.

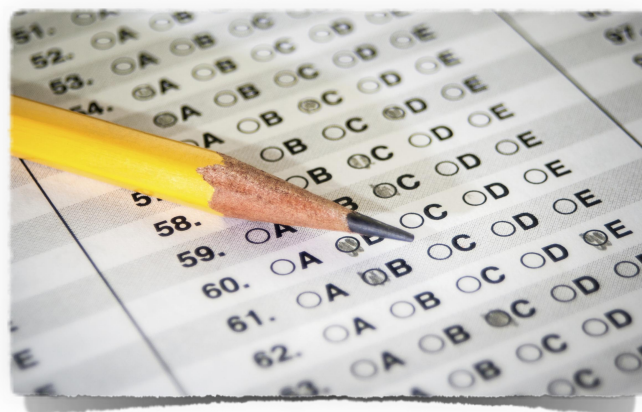
EXAM DUE DATES:

- Exam 1 - February 18
- Exam 2 - March 31
- Exam 3 - May 3

Course Objectives:

Following the completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Identify and evaluate significant individuals and events in early America
- Recognize and analyze political, social, and economic changes in the United States
- Explain the causes and effects of domestic and international issues involving the United States.



Expectations and Etiquette:

It is expected that everyone in this course, including the instructor, will maintain respect for one another. I encourage you to form your own opinions and thoughts surrounding the course material but note that not everyone will share all of your sentiments. You can disagree with someone, but it will be done in a respectful and thoughtful manner. If the instructor determines that your behavior in the course is inappropriate, you will be forwarded to the appropriate campus administrators and/or the campus police.

Methods of Evaluation:

Exams (60%) - In this course, you will take three major exams. The exams are comprised of materials presented during lectures, online videos, podcasts, and the content covered within the assigned chapters from your textbook. You will have fifty minutes to complete fifty multiple-choice questions. The final exam is not cumulative.

Quizzes (40%) - Each week you will be assigned chapter quiz(zes) that cover the readings from our online textbook. You will have thirty minutes to complete all quizzes.

ASSIGNMENT AND EXAM PARAMETERS:

There are no make-up exams or assignments in this course. If you fail to complete either one, you will receive a zero grade. Additionally, you are not allowed to use any resources (internet, textbook, notes) on exams. If the instructor determines you have violated this rule, you will automatically fail the exam. If this happens a second time, you will automatically fail this course.

