US History to 1877  
HIS 133.488

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Course Description:  
A comprehensive survey of American history from early explorations through Reconstruction.  
Meets Texas state requirements for all graduates.

Texts and Materials:  
- *Becoming America: A History for the 21st Century* by David Henkin and Rebecca McLennan  
  (ISBN 9780073385631)  
- Assigned homework readings will be provided by the instructor

Course Requirements:  
- 5 Unit tests  
- Research writing projects: 1 partial essay (instructional) and one full length research essay  
- Various in class daily work assignments for formative assessment  
- Homework reading assignments and quizzes to be given periodically

Course Calendar:  
Unit One (15% of course time allotted to this Unit)  
At the completion of study of discovery and Colonial America, the student should be able to:  
1. Characterize American Indian civilizations before discovery (including the Paleo-Indian cultures,  
   the mound builders, the Adena, Hopewell, Mississippian, and Caddo).  
2. Identify pre-Columbian Viking explorers of the New World, analyze the impact of the rise of the  
   caliphates, the decline of trade by the Ming Dynasty and the diffusion of new technologies  
   during the Renaissance on European exploration, and review the Tudor and Stuart dynasties and  
   the destruction of the Spanish Armada as a backdrop for English settlement of the thirteen  
   American colonies.  
3. Compare and contrast the French, Spanish, and English New World colonies, with special focus  
   on interaction with and impact on Native Americans  
4. Identify the founders and reasons for planting the thirteen colonies.  
5. Compare and contrast the bonded servitude of the Indian, slave, and indentured servant,  
   discussing also how each arrived in the English colonies.  
6. Analyze how certain unique events influenced American development: the Mayflower Compact,  
   the House of Burgesses, the Act of Toleration, Peter Zenger, the Navigation Acts, salutary  
   neglect, the Great Awakening, Bacon’s Rebellion, the Salem witch trials, the Enlightenment.
Unit Two (21% of course time allotted to this Unit)
At the completion of study of the Revolution and Constitution, the student should be able to:
1. discuss the causes of colonial conflict between France and England, the main battles of the French and Indian War, and the results of the Treaty of Paris (1763)
3. define several grievances that led to the Declaration of Independence and explain the main principles contained therein.
4. explain how British and American strategies shaped their war efforts, especially noting Saratoga and Yorktown.
5. discuss the results of the Treaty of Paris (1783).
6. explain early steps in government under the Articles of Confederation and the weaknesses which it could not prevent, such as Shay’s Rebellion, and identifying its main accomplishment: the Northwest Ordinance.
7. analyze the following in the making of the Constitution: the Virginia Plan, the New Jersey Plan, the compromises that saved the Constitution, and the struggle over ratification.

Unit Three (21% of course time allotted to this Unit)
At the completion of study of the Early National Period and the Age of Jackson, the student should be able to:
1. compare the beliefs of Jefferson and Hamilton about government and their influence on the two party political system.
2. describe the financial program of Hamilton.
4. analyze why Adams played but a weak position as president, which invited impressment, the XYZ affair, and criticism, and how this led next to the Alien and Sedition Acts and to the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions.
5. identify the main events of the Jefferson years: the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Chesapeake affair, embargo, Aaron Burr, Marbury v. Madison.
6. relate the causes and results of the War of 1812, Warhawks, the battles of Lake Erie and New Orleans, Tecumseh, Hartford Convention, Treaty of Ghent.
7. discuss these from the years of Monroe: Era of Good Feelings, acquisition of Florida, the Monroe Doctrine.
8. compare the technical advances in transportation (roads, canals, steamships, and railroads) and in industry (Samuel Slater and Eli Whitney).
9. describe the emerging sectional differences at the time of John Q. Adams, the corrupt bargain, the Tariff of Abominations, nullification.
10. characterize the following from the age of Jackson: the rise of the common man, the West, the Democrats, the spoils system, Train of Tears, the Banks War, Specie Circular, Panic of 1837, —Tippecanoe and Tyler, too,|| the log cabin in American politics.

Unit Four (21% of course time allotted to this Unit)
At the completion of study of westward expansion and sectionalism, the student should be able to:
1. describe the Plains Indians, the westward trek of settlers, Mormons, and miners, the rise of the Lone Star Republic (Austin, Sam Houston, the Alamo, San Jacinto), manifest destiny.
2. identify from the period of the Mexican War the causes, campaigns of Taylor, Kearny, Fremont, Scott, and the results (Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo).
3. analyze slavery on the plantation, the achievements of free blacks, the slave revolts, colonization, the abolitionist movement, the Compromise of 1850s.
4. trace the events which led to the Civil War.
5. identify the causes and personalities from the reform movements in women’s suffrage, abolition, temperance, public education, prison and mental health

Unit Five (21% of course time allotted to this Unit)
At the completion of study of the Civil War and Reconstruction, the student should be able to:
1. relate the advantages, weaknesses, leaders, and strategies of the North and the South.
2. identify the significance of Bull Run, ironclad ships, Antietam, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Appomattox, the Emancipation Proclamation.
3. define several of the changes eventuated during the Civil War in agriculture, industry, banking, taxes, education.
4. outline the main events during Reconstruction: Booth, presidential versus congressional plans for Reconstruction, the three constitutional amendments, impeachment, carpetbaggers, the Klan, the Freedmen's Bureau, the deal made during the election of 1876.
5. contrast the Radical Republican agenda with life as it happened in the South.

Final Exam multiple choice and essay questions week (1% of course time allotted to this Unit)

Grading Policy:
- 35.084% Formative assessment in-class & homework reading assignments
- 52.626% Unit Exams & research essays
- 14.29% Final Exam

Attendance Policy:
To receive credit or a final grade in a class, a student must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

For any class missed, the teacher may assign the student makeup work based on the instructional objectives for the subject or course and the needs of the individual student in mastering the essential knowledge and skills or in meeting subject or course requirements.

A student involved in an extracurricular activity must notify his or her teachers ahead of time about any absences. A student will be permitted to make up tests and to turn in projects due in any class missed because of absence.
Program Learning Outcomes:
This is a general education core curriculum course and no specific program learning outcomes for this major are addressed in this course.

Student Learning Outcomes:
HIS 133 includes instruction in the interaction among individuals, communities, states, the nation, and the world, considering how these interactions have contributed to the development of the United States and its global role.

In addition to learning the above, students in HIS 133 will demonstrate the more general ability to:

- Think critically, which includes the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information about this period of history.
- Communicate effectively by developing and expressing ideas through written and visual communication.
- Gain intercultural competence, a knowledge of civic responsibility, and an awareness of how humans in the past have engaged effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
- Understand the role that personal responsibility has played throughout history and gain the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to making ethical decisions.

Explanation of credit hours awarded for course:
HIS 133 (United States History I) meets for 150 minutes each week for 15 weeks and also meets for a 2-hour final examination. Students typically have weekly reading assignments from a combination of textbooks, primary document collections, and supplemental materials (biographies, historical novels, memoirs, etc). Typical sections of the course require students to take 2-3 exams per semester, in addition to the final exam. Many also require students to take quizzes. Course instructors are required to hold regular scheduled office hours to make themselves available to consult with students as needed. Combined, studying for quizzes/exams, doing the required reading, completing writing assignments, and consulting with course instructors average two hours of work outside the classroom for every hour spent in the classroom. Online sections of the course contain extensive written content within modules, and instructors hold "electronic office hours" to consult with students as needed, generally responding to student inquiries within twenty-four hours. Online course content includes the same information students in a face-to-face lecture course receive, requiring students to engage the online modules for at least 150 minutes per week. Besides engaging the material in the modules, online students have outside reading assignments similar to those mentioned above for face-to-face students. Thus, for every hour an online student spends engaging the content in the modules, he/she spends at least two hours completing associated activities and assessments.

General Education Core Curriculum
This course has been selected to be part of Stephen F. Austin State University’s core curriculum. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has identified six objectives for all core courses: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills,
Teamwork, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility. SFA is committed to the improvement of its general education core curriculum by regular assessment of student performance on these six objectives.

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.


*In addition, you may include your own guidelines for academic integrity as appropriate.*

**Withheld Grades (Semester Grades Policy, A-54)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Students with Disabilities**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).