U.S. HISTORY 1000 to 1877
Fall 2021

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Class meetings: Tues/Thurs 9:30-10:50
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Course Description
A comprehensive survey of American history from early explorations through Reconstruction.
Meets Texas state requirements for all graduates.

Text and Materials:
America: A Narrative History by Shi and Tindall.

Course Requirements
Assignments will consist of three in-class multiple choice/essay examinations and 8 online quizzes.

Grading Policy
Each of the examinations will count for 30% of your semester grade. Online quizzes will count for 10%.
Grades are determined as such: A=100-90; B=89-80; C=79-70; D=69-60; F=59 and below.

Quizzes
You are responsible for completing eight (8) quizzes, although you will have an opportunity to take eleven (11). I will take the best 8 grades submitted.
Reading quizzes will be posted on D2L and must be completed by the deadline. Extensions will not be granted.

Exams
No make-up exams will be given unless you have made prior arrangements to miss a scheduled exam. Appropriate excuses are at the discretion of the teacher. Exams missed due to emergencies on the day of the exam, will be arranged once documentation has been provided to justify your absence. The final exam will not be given early. Please make arrangements accordingly.

Make-up Exams
No make-up exams will be given unless you make prior arrangements to miss the regularly scheduled exam. If you miss an exam due to an emergency on the day of an exam, you will not be allowed to take a make-up until you provide written documentation to justify your absence.
Attendance
Although attendance is not formally required in this class, poor attendance will make it
difficult to perform well.
Students who fail to complete the course will receive a grade of QF, which may limit future
eligibility for financial aid.

Consultations
You are always welcome to come to my office during office hours to discuss readings, lectures or
anything else that you have concerns or questions about.
You may also make an appointment, if my hours are not convenient. If you are having problems
in the class, the worst possible thing you can do is wait until the end of the semester to say
something. Let me know right away, so that I can help you.

Technology
While I understand that students sometimes need access to phones for family emergencies, it is
easy to become distracted by technology. Please place your phones on silent during class and
refrain from texting. If you are expecting an important call, please notify me before class begins.

Professionalism
Students are expected to be on time and to behave in a professional manner. Disruptive or
distracting behavior will not be tolerated. Students reading non-course material or
interrupting the class in any way will be asked to leave the room.
The penalty for cheating and plagiarism will range from failure of the assignment to failure of the
course and referral to your dean, depending of the severity of the incident.

Course responsibilities
I will follow the syllabus and keep to the schedule as best I can, but promise to notify you if there
are any changes.
It is your responsibility to come to class, keep up with the reading, and prepare for assignments.
The grade you earn is determined by the quality of your effort, not necessarily by the amount of
time you spend.
## Tentative Schedule

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<th>Dates</th>
<th>Class Topics, Readings, Assignments</th>
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<td>Week 1:</td>
<td>Introduction, Discovery of the Americas</td>
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<td>Aug 24/26</td>
<td>Chapter 1</td>
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<td>Week 2:</td>
<td>Spanish Empire, Protestant Revolution</td>
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<td>Aug 31/Sep 2</td>
<td>Chapter 2 - online reading quiz (always opens Tuesday a.m., closes Monday night)</td>
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<td>Week 3:</td>
<td>English Colonization</td>
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<td>Sep 7/9</td>
<td>Chapter 3 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 4:</td>
<td>Road to Revolution/Revolution</td>
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<td>Sep 14/16</td>
<td>Chapter 4 and 5 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 5:</td>
<td>Review/EXAM</td>
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<td>Sep 21/23</td>
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<td>Week 6:</td>
<td>Constitution/New Republic</td>
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<td>Sep 28/30</td>
<td>Chapter 6 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 7:</td>
<td>New Republic/Jefferson</td>
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<td>Oct 5/7</td>
<td>Chapter 7 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 8:</td>
<td>Jefferson/Era of Good Feelings</td>
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<td>Oct 12/14</td>
<td>Chapter 9 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 9:</td>
<td>Jackson/Review</td>
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<td>Oct 19/21</td>
<td>Chapter 10 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Review/EXAM</td>
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<td>Oct 26/28</td>
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<td>Week 11:</td>
<td>Slavery/Manifest Destiny</td>
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<td>Nov 2/4</td>
<td>Chapter 11 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 12:</td>
<td>Manifest Destiny/Sectionalism</td>
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<td>Nov 9/11</td>
<td>Chapters 13 and 14 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 13:</td>
<td>Civil War</td>
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<td>Nov 16/19</td>
<td>Chapter 15 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 14:</td>
<td>Reconstruction/Review</td>
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<td>Nov 30/Dec 2</td>
<td>Chapter 16 – online reading quiz</td>
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<td>Week 15:</td>
<td><strong>FINAL EXAM</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Dec 6th-10th</strong></td>
<td>9:30 class – Dec. 9, Thursday from 8-10</td>
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<td>2:00 class – Dec. 7, Tuesday from 10:30-12:30</td>
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<td>3:30 class – Dec. 9, Thursday from 1:00-3:00</td>
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*A complete syllabus with university policies can be found on D2L.

**COURSE POLICIES AND OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY POLICY**
STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND THE SFA WAY (SFA POLICY 10.4)

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program. Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

For information on the Student Code of Conduct, called The SFA Way, go to: http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student-conduct-code.pdf

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

HIST 1301 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 HIST 1301 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 social 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.

CORE CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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, Personal Responsibility, Social Responsibility, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, and Teamwork. The Coordinating Board has indicated that American history courses should focus on the first four of these objectives, although this course will also provide some opportunities for you to improve your teamwork skills.
HISTORY DEPARTMENT 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.

EXPLANATION OF CREDIT HOURS AWARDED FOR COURSE:

HIST 1301 (United States History I) meets for 2,250 minutes (37.5 hours), including examination times, during the course of a semester. 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 2,250 minutes per term. 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.

By enrolling in HIST 1301, you are enrolling in a Core Curriculum Course that fulfills the Critical Thinking, Written Communication, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility requirements.
The chart below indicates: (a) The core objectives that are required to be taught in this course per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and (b) How the required core objectives will be addressed.

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<td>To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</td>
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**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (STUDENT ACADEMIC DISHONESTY, POLICY 4.1)**

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.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student-academic-dishonesty-4.1.pdf

WITHHELD GRADES (COURSE GRADES, POLICY 5.5)

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/.

MENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT

SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:

SFASU Counseling Services
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
3rd Floor Rusk Building
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
Human Services Room 202
936-468-1041

Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741