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

Texts and Materials:
- Locke, Joseph and Ben Wright. The American Yawp. [http://www.americanyawp.com/](http://www.americanyawp.com/) or any other standard U.S. History textbook. (This is a free textbook.)

Course Requirements:
This course will have three exams, the last of which will include cumulative material. Each exam will include essay questions. There will be three discussion questions throughout the course.

Grading Policy:
First Exam: 25% of final grade  
Second Exam: 25% of final grade  
Third Exam: 35% of final grade  
Discussion Responses: three total for 15% of the final grade.

- A = points 100%-90%  
- B = points 89.99%-80%  
- C = points 79.99%-70%  
- D = points 69.99%-60%  
- F = points 59.99%-0%

Students are responsible for reading all notices, handouts, instructions, study guides, and relevant information.

Regular and punctual attendance is expected. Yes, this is an online class which can be done from home, but you should treat it as you would a face-to-face course – with your full attention. Students should strive to regularly communicate their understanding of the material in class and immediately seek additional help if needed. Students may be excused from attendance for certain reasons, among these are absences related to health, family emergencies, and student participation in certain university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying the instructor in advance whenever possible for excusable absences. Students are responsible for providing timely documentation satisfactory to the instructor for each absence. Regardless of the reason for absence, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. (Because this is an online course, there is less leeway than normal because of the course’s inherent flexibility.)

Makeup Policy:
There are no makeups in this course, you should arrange your schedule to have all items completed by the due date.

**Student Academic Dishonesty (4.1-July 29, 2014):**
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members must promote the components of academic integrity in their instruction, and course syllabi are required to provide information about penalties for cheating and plagiarism. *(Note: In this course, if you cheat or plagiarize you will receive a zero for the assignment and will possibly be expelled from the course.)*

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to

- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- 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 one’s own.

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- submitting an assignment as one’s own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and/or
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

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

*(Note: Memorizing passages from the textbook, websites, or other sources and using them verbatim, rather than internalizing the information and making it your own, is, in essence, using the words of another person or source as if they were your own, thus plagiarism and since this is not a memorization course, simply citing the source in your answer does not meet the spirit or goals of the course.)*

**Preliminary Schedule – Subject to Change**

**Week: Aug 23**  
Getting Started and Quiz 0  
Atlantic World 1492-1607 (Unit 1)  
North American Colonies 1607-1732 (Unit 1)  

**Week: Aug 30**  
Life in the English Colonies 1607-1776(Unit 1)  
Colonial Expansion & Conflict 1721-1775 (Unit 1)  
Discussion 1: Due Friday September 3, 11:59 PM  

**Week: Sept. 6**
Exam 1 (Unit 1): Opens Sunday September 5, 11:59 PM- Closes Monday September 6, 11:59 PM
Revolution! Waging War 1775-1783 (Unit 2)
A New Republic 1776-1800 (Unit 2)

Week: Sept. 13
Discussion 2: Due Monday September 13, 11:59 PM
T. J. to Monroe 1800-1824 (Unit 2)
Andrew Jackson’s America 1824-1840 (Unit 2)

Week: Sept. 20
Exam 2 (Unit 2): Open Sunday September 19, 11:59 PM-Closes Monday September 20, 11:59 PM
Market Society 1820-1860 (Unit 3)
The West 1820-1860 (Unit 3)

Week: Sept. 27
Slavery & Sectionalism 1820-1860 (Unit 3)
The Civil War 1860-1865 (Unit 3)
Discussion 3: Due October 1, 11:59 PM

Week: Oct. 4
Reconstruction 1865-1877 (Unit 3)
Final Exam- Due: Oct. 8, 11:59 PM (Will open earlier in the week)

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.

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>Critical Thinking Skills</td>
<td>To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</td>
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<td>Communication Skills</td>
<td>To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.</td>
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<td>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</td>
<td>To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.</td>
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<td>Teamwork</td>
<td>To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.</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**
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*In addition, you may include your own guidelines for academic integrity as appropriate.*

**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/](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](http://www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices)
  3rd Floor Rusk Building
  936-468-2401

- SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
  [www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp](http://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