



## **HIST 1301 - U.S. History to 1877**

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2020

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbooks – The American Yawp at <http://americanyawp.com/>  
Software - Microsoft Word or other word processing software.

#### **Course Description**

This is a broad interdisciplinary course in the historical development of the United States and North America to 1877. Assignments will focus on reading, writing, and analysis.

#### **Student Competencies**

- 1) Students will be able to identify important events, actors, and changes in the development of the United States up to 1877.
- 2) Students will be able to explain causes and effects of important events and eras of United States History.
- 3) Students will communicate in a manner appropriate to the audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.
- 4) Students will be able to analyze and evaluate historical situations, events, and developments when given a set of data and/or texts.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

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1. Critical Thinking - Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, texts, or art.
2. Communication - In written, oral, and/or visual communication, A&M-Commerce students will communicate in a manner appropriate to the audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.
3. Personal Responsibility - Students will understand and practice academic honesty.
4. Social Responsibility - Students will demonstrate an understanding of societal and/or civic issues.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Must be able to use Microsoft Word or other word processing software.

### **Instructional Methods**

This is an online Competency Based Education (CBE) course. Learning activities include assorted reading and videos, quizzes, essays, and pre and posttests.

### **Pretest**

The Pretest for this course assesses your knowledge of the historical development of the United States and North America to 1877. There are 100 points total (30 from multiple choice, 20 from short identification, and 50 for essays). You will need a score of 80 to be able to move directly to the posttest.

The purpose of the pretest is to provide a baseline understanding of your knowledge in this competency. The pretest is required for the course.

### **Module Tests**

Each module has the following types of questions to test your knowledge: multiple choice quiz, short identification questions, and essays.

### **Quiz**

You need to complete a multiple choice quiz in each module. It is a great opportunity to review what you learned in each module.

### **Short Identification Questions**

The short identification questions require a written response, using complete sentences and appropriate grammar and punctuation. It should be one to two paragraphs in length. It should include the Who, What, Where, When, How, Why of the item in the prompt, as well as an explanation of its significance. Significance is the explanation of why it is worth knowing about, how it enhances our understanding of the past. You will be expected any quotes you use (see Student Responsibilities and Tips below).

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## **Essays**

Essays require a long-form written response, using complete sentences and appropriate grammar and punctuation. Expect to write 500 to 750 words to fully answer the prompt. You will be expected to use any sources and quotes you use (see Student Responsibilities and Tips below).

## **Assessment**

### **Posttest**

The posttest for this course assesses your knowledge of the historical development of the United States and North America to 1877. There are 100 points total (30 from multiple choice, 20 from short identification, and 50 for essays).

The posttest is an assessment of your knowledge of the material required for the competency. A score of 80 points or higher is required to demonstrate competency.

If you score less than 80 points, you will have an opportunity to review the material and re-take the competency posttest. You may take the posttest assessment up to three times. If you have not passed the competency in three attempts, you will work with an Academic Coach to determine another method of fulfilling the program requirements in this subject.

### **Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course**

To be successful in this course, the written assessments are critical. If you do not immediately pass the Post-Test, you will find everything you need to address the written assignments in the readings/videos for this course. Expect to spend 30 or more hours reading/listening (depending on your reading speed). You may use outside source material that you have access to, but be wary, not everything you find may be factual, reliable, and peer-reviewed. If you choose to use a quote, it should be short, no more than 2 lines. Regardless you must cite your sources. You may use any standard citation format you choose: APA, MLA, Chicago, or Turabian. If you are unfamiliar with any of these please utilize the sources provide by the University's Writing Center (<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiessocialsciencesarts/departments/literatureLanguages/writingCenter/default.aspx>).

You will be expected to adhere to the standards of Academic Integrity of university and Department of History policy as linked below in the Academic Integrity subsection (page 6 of the syllabus).

## **GRADING**

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

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B = 80%-89%

F = 70%-79% or Below

If the seven-week term ends and you do not complete all competencies, you will receive a grade of "F" and be required to complete the remaining competencies in the next term.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

[https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser\\_support.htm](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

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## **Technical Support**

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

## **Interaction with Instructor Statement**

Expect responses to email within **24** hours and feedback on your final project within **48** hours.

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

In order to demonstrate competency you must achieve 80% or higher on the posttest.

### **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

## **University Specific Procedures**

### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx).  
<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:  
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).  
<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>  
<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

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## **Academic Integrity**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[History Department Academic Integrity Policy](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/history/Current%20Students/academicIntegrityPolicy.aspx>

## **Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

## **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

## **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun.

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Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

## COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

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<b>Module Topic</b>	<b>Materials to Read and Review</b>	<b>Suggested Assignments</b>
<b>PRETEST</b>	<b>NO REVIEW NEEDED</b>	<b>COMPLETE ON FIRST DAY</b>
<b>M1 – Pre-European Contact through the American Revolution</b>	<b>Reading assignments (5)</b>	<b>Quiz Short Identification Essay</b>
<b>M2 – End of the American Revolution through mid-19th century</b>	<b>Reading assignments (5)  Watch videos (1)</b>	<b>Quiz Short Identification Essay</b>

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<b>M3 – End of the Cotton Economy through Reconstruction</b>	<b>Reading assignments (6)</b>  <b>Watch videos (2)</b>	<b>Quiz</b>  <b>Short Identification</b>  <b>Essay</b>
<b>POSTTEST</b>	<b>REVIEW ALL NECESSARY MODULES</b>	<b>COMPLETE BEFORE FINAL DAY 5:00PM (80 points or higher)</b>

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