



HIST 1302.02W (#10106)
United States History from 1865
Course Syllabus: Winter Mini 2022
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Location and Time: Online (asynchronous)

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Required Materials

The course textbook is the American Yawp, a free and open online textbook available at <http://www.americanyawp.com/>. You are expected to keep up with the textbook reading throughout the semester. We will also be using publicly available podcasts and videos throughout the semester. You can find them linked through the course D2L page and/or course schedule.

Course Description

A broad interdisciplinary course in the historical development of the United States and North America from 1865. Note: Assignments will focus on reading, writing, and analysis. Prerequisites: ENG 1301 or concurrent enrollment or ENG 1302 or concurrent enrollment.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Grading

Final grades will be based on the following

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Assessment

Textbook Responses (10 x 25)	250
Document Analysis (4 x 50)	200
Podcast Analysis (2 x 50)	100
Tests (2x125)	250
Final Paper (150)	150
Participation	50
Total	1000

Course Assignments

All assignments must be submitted to the D2L dropbox or discussion forum by 11:59 PM the day listed in the syllabus. All work not submitted by January 11 will be entered as a 0.

Textbook Posts

We will be reading 10 textbook chapters in this course. For each chapter of the American Yawp textbook students will be responsible for posting a 200 word answer to the question listed on the D2L discussion forum. These posts are worth 25 points each and will be evaluated on argument, evidence,

writing, and reading comprehension. See the rubric on D2L for more information. While students are encouraged to respond to each other on the forum as a way to develop their understanding and demonstrate participation in the course, these responses will not be part of the discussion post grade.

Podcast Analysis

In each of the units students are responsible for listening to a historical podcast of their choice from the list of episodes on D2L. These have been selected because they enhance the content in the course textbook. After listening to the podcast you will write a double-spaced, one-page paper that summarizes the podcast content and analyzes it in light of the textbook readings. See the guide on D2L for more instructions.

Tests

Each test will consist of short essay questions. For each you should type no more than 250 words answering the question. Your writing should use evidence from the course materials to back up your answers. These tests are open-note and open-book. You may consult the American Yawp textbook, your notes, material from your podcasts and document readings, and/or posts from the class while composing your answers. Your answers may include quotations from these sources provided you cite your sources appropriately (using parenthetical citations). You may **not** use any materials from outside course assignments and the D2L page. Doing so will represent an occurrence of academic dishonesty. Once opened you will have **24 hours** to complete the assignment.

Final Paper

The final paper for this course provides an opportunity for students to reflect on and examine the core themes of the two units we covered. Each student will write a 3-4 page response paper to a prompt that will be available on D2L on January 7. Detailed instructions are available on D2L. This assignment will be used to evaluate Student Learning Outcomes 1, 2, and 4.

Academic Honesty Quiz

The Academic Honesty Quiz is designed to measure Student Learning Outcome #3 above. It is available under the quiz tab on D2L and is due January 1. This assignment will be part of the participation grade.

Participation Grade

These points will reflect each student's overall engagement with the class including discussion responses, submitting work on time, frequent and clear communication, professionalism, etc.

Course Schedule

Prologue:

Due December 21, 11:59 PM

Course Introduction Recording
Yawp Chapter 15 Post
Yawp Chapter 20 Post

Unit 1: December 21-24

Due January 1, 11:59 PM

Unit Introduction Recording
Academic Honesty Quiz
Yawp Chapter 21 Post and Document Analysis
Yawp Chapter 22 Post and Document Analysis
Podcast Analysis
Unit 1 Test

Interlude:

Due January 3, 11:59 PM

Interlude Recording
Yawp Chapter 25 Post
Yawp Chapter 26 Post

Unit 2: January 4-7 Due January 8, 11:59 PM
Unit Introduction Recording
Yawp Chapter 27 Post and Document Analysis
Yawp Chapter 28 Post and Document Analysis
Podcast Analysis 2
Unit 2 Test

Epilogue: Due January 10, 11:59 PM
Yawp Chapter 29 Post
Yawp Chapter 30 Post

Final Paper Due January 11, 11:59 PM

Student Responsibilities

Technology and D2L

This course is an online course through **D2L**, the Learning Management System used by Texas A&M University-Commerce. To access D2L you will need an internet connection, preferably high speed, and your CWID and password. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, please contact **Technology Services at 903-468-6000** or helpdesk@tamu-commerce.edu. To get started with the course, go to: <https://leo.tamuccommerce.edu/login.aspx>. D2L will be used to send you announcements and reminders, to post grades, and to provide access to course materials (except required readings) such as handouts and assignments. Your campus email address will be the primary means of communication for the course.

As this is an online course, reliable access to the internet in general and D2L in particular is essential to your success in this course. Students are responsible for understanding and navigating the course D2L site. It is also your responsibility to ensure that your hardware and software are compatible with course software and university systems.

Below is the information for technical issues for D2L. Before contacting me on submission issues and the like, make sure you are doing your due diligence and calling the HelpDesk for D2L first. When emailing me about issues, I expect you to give me a HelpDesk troubleshooting ID# and the name of the person you talked to.

SUPPORT SERVICES: D2L Technical Concerns: Please contact the D2L HelpDesk, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week or by sending an email directly to helpdesk@online.tamuc.org. You may also reach the HelpDesk by calling (toll-free) **1-866-656-5511**.

Online Participation

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook). Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](#)

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism

Do not engage in any of the following:

- Plagiarism: The adoption or reproduction of ideas, words, statements, images, or works of another person as one's own without proper attribution. This includes self-plagiarism, which occurs when an author submits material or research from a previous academic exercise to satisfy the requirements of another exercise and uses it without proper citation of its reuse.
- Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. This includes unapproved collaboration, which occurs when a student works

with others on an academic exercise without the express permission of the professor. The term academic exercise includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours.

- Fabrication: Unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.

Going online and taking information without proper citations, copying parts of other student's work, creating information for the purposes of making your paper seem more official, or anything involving taking someone else's thoughts or ideas without proper attribution is academic misconduct. If you have a question about an assignment, please come see me to clarify. Any cases of academic misconduct may be reported to university administration for violating the academic honesty requirements in the student handbook. They will also result in failure of the assignment in question and possibly for the course.

For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

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

Policies and Procedures

Drop/Withdrawal

If you decide that you need to drop or withdrawal from this course, it is your responsibility to complete the necessary paperwork. I will not drop you from the course if you stop attending.

Communication

All course communications will come through your university email account and the course D2L page. Be sure to check both regularly. You should contact me through my TAMU-C email address (Andrew.Baker@tamuc.edu). I check my email and D2L regularly between 8 am and 5 pm Monday – Friday. I do not check my campus email on Sunday. A failure of planning on your part does not constitute a crisis on my part.

Syllabus Changes

The syllabus is a plan, not a contract. Circumstances and events may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced as far in advance as is practicable.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Students with Disabilities:

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:

Student Disability Resources & Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library, Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

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

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. 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 (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>)and/or consult your event organizer). 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.