



## **HIST 1301-01E U.S. HISTORY to 1865 COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2022**

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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Preferred Form of Communication: **email**  
Communication Response Time: Normally 24-36 hours, except weekends

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

#### **Books:**

*The American Yawp* at [www.americanyawp.com](http://www.americanyawp.com) (free at this website)

John Locke, *Second Treatise on Government* USE THIS VERSION as provided for free!  
(<https://www.earlymoderntexts.com/assets/pdfs/locke1689a.pdf>)

#### **Course Description**

A broad interdisciplinary course in the historical development of the United States and North America to 1877. Note: Assignments will focus on reading, writing, and analysis. Pre/co-requisite Eng. 1301 or 1302.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

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.

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# **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

## **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Use of a web-browser to access the internet. Use of a word processor such as Microsoft Word to create documents.

## **Instructional Methods**

This will be an online readings course. The readings will provide all the evidence you need for creating evidence-based answers to the essay questions on the exams, as well as for answering the short ID & multiple choice questions.

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

You will need to complete all the readings in a timely manner. You must complete all work by the established due dates. This is a fully asynchronous course. You will begin by reading the assigned material listed in each section. Every assignment has a due date by which it must be completed, but you may work as far ahead as you like. Once you complete the multiple choice quiz on Academic Honesty & Student Responsibility, then the assignments for LO1 will open. Once you complete the multiple choice quiz for LO1, then Essay 1 and the assignments for LO2 will open. Once you complete the multiple choice quiz for LO2, then Essay 2 and the assignments for LO3 will open.

To be successful in this course, the written assessments are critical. 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 should NOT use outside source material, 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. 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 University's Writing Center (<https://www.tamuc.edu/writing-center/>).

## **GRADING**

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

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 59% or Below

**Multiple Choice Quizzes:** There are 4 multiple choice quizzes. Quiz due dates are listed on the calendar below. There are three reading quizzes that cover the text & supplemental readings and an Academic Honesty-Student Responsibility Quiz.

**Short IDs:** There are 3 Short ID assignments, each with 2 short ID prompts. 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

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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 to cite any quotes you use (see Student Responsibilities and Tips above).

Essays: You must be able to write a coherent, well-structured essay that adequately addresses the question. 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 cite any sources and quotes you use (see Student Responsibilities and Tips above), and to cite at least three reliable sources. There are 2 Essay assignments. Each will be scored on a 20 point scale and the lower grade will be dropped.

<b>Grading breakdown:</b>	<b>Quizzes (3) 45%</b>	<b>(45 points)</b>
	<b>Responsibility Quiz: 5%</b>	<b>(5 points)</b>
	<b>Short ID: 30%</b>	<b>(30 points)</b>
	<b>Essay: 20%</b>	<b>(20 points)</b>
		<b>(100 points total)</b>

## 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

If you need to reach me, please use email. I typically respond to email within 12 to 36 hours during the week. Do not expect a response during the weekend.

**When sending an email always do the following:**

- 1) Use a subject line. This tells me what the topic is and prevents your message from ending up in my junk mail.**
- 2) Include your class and section. I need to know exactly which of my courses you are in before I can help you.**
- 3) End the email with your name, that is “sign” your message. I also need to know who you are.**

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### Course Specific Procedures/Policies

#### Academic Honesty and Dishonesty

You are expected to do your own work. Dishonesty will not be treated lightly. On each graded assignment I expect each student to honor the following pledge: “I hereby give my word that I have neither given nor received aid while completing this assignment.” Any student found violating this policy will receive a grade of zero for the assignment, and further action may be taken.

#### Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is taking someone else’s work and passing it off as your own words, thoughts, or ideas. This includes, but is not limited to, using direct quotes out of a book or from the internet as your own words, properly using quotation marks but noting the wrong person as the author, purchasing a paper or exam from friends or strangers, using material from the internet verbatim as your own words, and cutting and pasting entire papers or internet pages and passing it off as your own work. Cheating on exams and discussion posts or allowing others to copy your answers is another form of academic dishonesty.

It may be acceptable to use other people’s words as short quotations and ideas as long as they receive credit in citations. If you are unsure about the precise definition of plagiarism and/or think you may have committed this form of academic dishonesty, see the instructor or visit the Online Writing Lab before you turn in the assignment.

#### Extra-credit

I do not usually give extra credit. Do not ask; that will lower the possibility.

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## **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>

### **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>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

### **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:

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## **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. 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.

## **Student Support**

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](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

## **Statement on Student Grievances**

Students who have questions or concerns about the Instructor's course policies or the conduct either of the Instructor or a classmate should first consult with the Instructor. In the event of a lack of resolution or satisfaction on the matter, the student may bring their concerns to the head of the History Department, Sharon Kowalsky ([Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu](mailto:Sharon.Kowalsky@tamuc.edu)). If this does not result in a satisfactory conclusion to the matter, students may bring the issue to the attention of the Associate Dean of Students per procedures outlined on pp. 15-19 of the Student Guide Book.

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## **COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR**

- 6 June, Monday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class Day. Review syllabus, begin reading.
- 14 June, Tuesday:** Academic Honesty Quiz Due (11pm)
- 15 June, Wednesday:** LO1 Multiple Choice Due
- 16 June, Thursday:** LO1 Short IDs Due
- 22 June, Wednesday:** Essay 1 Due
- 22 June, Wednesday:** LO2 Multiple Choice Due
- 23 June, Thursday:** LO2 Short IDs Due
- 6 July, Wednesday:** LO3 Multiple Choice Due
- 6 July, Wednesday:** LO3 Short IDs Due
- 7 July, Thursday:** Final essay due at **5PM**

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