

History 1301: United States History I

Introduction:

In this course we will explore American History from the precolonial era through the civil war.

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Course Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- Identify and/or define the significant events and individuals in early American History.
- Recognize the movements driving political, social, and economic changes in the Colonies and United States.
- Develop the skills to critically analyze and interpret events within their wider historical context.

Required Text:

Locke, Joseph L. and Ben Wright, eds. *The American Yawp: A Massively Collaborative Open U.S. History Textbook, Vol. 1, To 1877*. Redwood City: Stanford University Press, 2019.

Canvas:

This is an online course conducted through Canvas. All assignments and tests will be submitted through canvas. If you have issues with canvas you will need to reach out to canvas@uttyler.edu. Do so quickly and provide as complete information as possible. If you have an issue don't wait to reach out for help.

Communications:

Outside of canvas the preferred method for communication in this course is email. I will do my best to respond to emails or canvas messages within 24 hours during the week. If you reach out during the weekend or on holidays, I will do my best to respond within 48 hours.

Expectations and Etiquette:

This course is online so communications will primarily be online, all students are expected to be respectful and professional in any online communication with other students or the professor. Disagreement is ok, not everyone will agree with your interpretation of the

material. All participants are expected to keep discussions professional and to the point. Please avoid using all caps in any communication.

Methods of Evaluation:

Exams: 100 Points – Students will take 2 exams each worth 50 points. The exams will cover the materials presented in the assigned text, online videos, and discussions. You will have one hour to complete each exam. The final exam is not cumulative.

Quizzes: 50 Points – Students will take 6 multiple choices quizzes, one with each module. covering information from the assigned readings. Quizzes will be timed; you will have 15 minutes to answer 10 questions.

Discussion Questions: 50 Points – Students will be required to answer six short essay questions, one with each module. The questions will cover information from the assigned readings. You will have at least one week for each discussion question.

Grading Scale:

- A: 180 points or more
- B: 160 to 179 points
- C: 140 to 159 points
- D: 120 to 139 points
- F: 119 points or less

Assignments and Exam Policies:

Students are not allowed to take exams early unless they are traveling for university sponsored events. Students are required to arrange work, travel, and social obligations around assignments. If you fail to complete an assignment by the designated due date the assignment will be graded as zero points.

There are no makeup exams in the course, if you fail to complete an exam the exam will be graded as zero points. Unless otherwise noted you are not allowed to use any resources (notes, textbook, internet, ai assistant, etc.) on exams. If you are determined to have violated this rule you will receive zero points for the exam.

Modules will open on Sunday (Monday for week 1) and close at the end of the day on Saturday, all assignments are due at that time. Exams will follow the same availability schedule.

Important Dates:

Important dates, including due dates and holidays are available on canvas. If you have a conflict due to attendance at a university sanctioned event, it is your responsibility to let the professor know as soon as possible.

Week 1: Readings from Chapters 2 & 3. Quiz 1 and Discussion 1 due 10/18 11:59 PM

Week 2: Readings from Chapter 4 & 5. Quiz 2 and Discussion 2 due 10/25 11:59 PM

Week 3: Readings from Chapters 6 & 7. Quiz 3 and Discussion 3 due 11/1 11:59 PM

Week 4: Readings from Chapter 8. Quiz 4 and Exam 1 due 11/8 11:59 PM

Week 5: Readings from Chapters 9 & 10. Quiz 5 and Discussion 4 Due 11/15 11:59PM

Week 6: Readings from Chapters 11 & 12 Quiz 6 and Discussion 5 Due 11/22 11:59 PM

Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 24-28

Week 7: Readings from 13 & 14. Discussion 6 and Exam 2 Due 12/6 11:59PM

Artificial Intelligence:

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code.

Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased.

Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course (see below) is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy.

For this course, use of AI is not allowed.